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**2.Proposed Change**

Shortened course title and new course description for PSY 3523

**3.Effective Date**

Fall 2015

**4.Justification**

The current title of the course (Introduction to Social Psychology) has caused confusion among some students that an additional and more advanced undergraduate course in social psychology is offered – which is not the case. In addition, the shortened course title would be consistent with the titles of other courses offered within the Department.

The new course description would reflect changes in the field of social psychology that has occurred since the creation of the current description – which is considerably out of date in terms of the focus of the field and the course.

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**PSY 3453. Developmental Psychology** Study of the life cycle from prebirth through death including an examination of the major methods, theories, and empirical findings. No more than 6 credit hours from the following courses may be used to satisfy the requirements for a major or minor in psychology, PSY 3403, PSY 3413, and PSY 3453. Fall.

**PSY 3523. ~~Introduction to~~ Social Psychology** ~~Analysis of the situational factors which influ­ence various behaviors including aggression, altruism, and interpersonal attraction~~. Overview of the major areas of social psychology, including social cognition, attitude theory, and intergroup relations, with emphasis given to recent advances in dual process models and implicit processes. Fall, Summer.

**PSY 3603. Positive Psychology** Scientific study of happiness, psychological well-being, and character strengths. Spring.

**PSY 3613. Cultural Psychology** This course focuses on issues of how human culture impacts the individuals behavior, attitudes, and mental health. Fall.