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**Program Modification Form**

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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

Two changes in the M.S. in Psychological Science program admission procedures: (1) Remove official GRE scores as an admissions requirement, and (2) require applicants to rank the top three program faculty members the applicant desires to work with.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2022

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

The program faculty have rarely used GRE scores in the admissions decision-making process. We have thus elected to remove it as an admissions requirement. Having a clearer picture of which faculty members applicants seek to work with will aid in making admissions decisions.

**Bulletin Changes**

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