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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)

The requested changes reflect two issues:

We are changing the sequence of the required core courses in the program. Specifically, we are replacing the current first course of the core (PSY 2023 Psychology as a Science and Profession) with History of Psychology (currently PSY 3823 – see associated course modification form to renumber the course as PSY 2893).

We are also relocating PSY 2023 to the “Integrative Psychology” portion of the program.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2021 (Bulletin Year: 2021-2022)

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

The Undergraduate Guidelines of the American Psychological Association states that one goal of a program should be to ensure that students have an underlying knowledge base of the main content areas (specializations) of psychology. The current structure of the B.S. Psychology program does not allow for a consistent and standardized delivery of these main content areas (e.g., students may pick courses in a manner that results in them never being exposed to human development). The inclusion of History of Psychology in the program core would serve as a consistent method for introducing all psychology majors to these main content areas. For example, in discussion of the cognitive revolution of the 1960s, students will be introduced to key concepts of cognitive psychology (e.g., the information processing model).

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
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Major in Psychology

**Bachelor of Science**

A complete 8-semester degree plan is available at https://www.astate.edu/info/academics/degrees/

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| University Requirements:  |
| See University General Requirements for Baccalaureate degrees (p. 42)  |
| **First Year Making Connections Course:**  | Sem. Hrs.  |
| PSY 1013, Making Connections: Psychological Wellness  | 3  |
| **General Education Requirements:**  | Sem. Hrs.  |
| See General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate degrees (p. 78) Students with this major must take the following: *MATH 1023, College Algebra or MATH course that requires MATH 1023 as a prerequisite* *Six hours of Humanities (Required Departmental Gen. Ed. Option)*  | 35  |
| **Major Requirements:** A PSY course taken to satisfy requirements for a minor and/or a second major cannot also be used to satisfy major credit hour requirements in the psychology major.  | Sem. Hrs.  |
| PSY 2013, Introduction to Psychology *Required ONLY if not taken as part of the General Education Requirements.*  | 0-3  |
| ~~PSY 2023, Psychology as a Science and a Profession~~  | 3  |
| PSY 3103, Quantitative Methods for Behavioral Sciences  | 3  |
| PSY 3113, Research Design in Psychology  | 3  |
| PSY 3123, Experimental Methods in Psychology  | 3  |
| Psychology as a Natural Science (select two of the following): PSY 3214, Introduction to Neuroscience PSY 3303, Motivation PSY 4323, Physiological Psychology PSY 4343, Learning Processes PSY 4363, Cognitive Psychology PSY 4383, Introduction to Behavior Analysis  | 6-7  |
| Psychology as a Social Science (select three of the following): *Only two of the three following courses may be used to satisfy the requirements for this category: PSY 3403, PSY 3413 and PSY 3453* PSY 3403, Child Psychology PSY 3413, Adolescent Psychology PSY 3453, Developmental Psychology PSY 3523, Social Psychology ~~PSY 3823, History of Psychology~~ PSY 4533, Abnormal Psychology PSY 4553, Personality Theory  | 9  |
| Integrative Psychology (select twelve hours from the following): *Courses from Psychology as a Natural Science or Psychology as a Social Science may be substituted for courses in this category.* PSY 3613, Cultural Psychology PSY 3703, Educational Psychology PSY 380V, Special Problems PSY 4053, Today’s Families PSY 4173, Psychometrics PSY 4853, Psychological Seminar  | 12  |
| Sub-total  | 39-43  |
| **Electives:**  | Sem. Hrs.  |
| Electives  | 39-43  |
| **Total Required Hours:**  | **120** |

**After:**

Major in Psychology

**Bachelor of Science**

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| PSY 2893, History of Psychology | 3  |
| PSY 3103, Quantitative Methods for Behavioral Sciences  | 3  |
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Eight-Semester Degree Plan

Bachelor of Science Major in Psychology

2021-2022 (DRAFT)

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| **Year 1** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| PSY 1013 | Psychological Wellness | 3 | x | PSY 2893 | History of Psychology | 3 |  |
| PSY 2013 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | x | ENG 1013 | Composition II | 3 | x |
| ENG 1003 | Composition I | 3 | x | MUS 2503 | Fine Arts Music | 3 | x |
| MATH 1023 | College Algebra | 3 | x | Biol 1003 | Biological Science | 3 | x |
| HIST 1013 | World Civ to 1500 | 3 | x | Biol 1001 | Biological Science Lab | 1 | x |
|  |  |  |  | PHIL 1103 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 | x |
| **Total Hours:** | 15 | **Total Hours**: | 16 |
| **Year 2** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| PSY 3103 | Quantitative Methods | 3 |  | PSY 3113 | Research Design | 3 |  |
| PSY  | Psych as a Social Sci Course  | 3 |  | PSY | Psych as a Social Sci Course | 3 |  |
| ENG 2003 | World Lit to 1660 | 3 | x | PSY | Psych as a Natural Sci Course | 3 |  |
| POSC 2103 | Intro to US Government | 3 | x | PHSC 1203 | Physical Science | 3 | x |
| Elective |  | 3 |  | PHSC 1201 | Physical Science Lab | 1 | x |
| Elective  |  | 1 |  | Elective |  | 3 |  |
| **Total Hours:** | 16 | **Total Hours**: | 16 |
| **Year 3** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| PSY 3123 | Experimental Methods | 3 |  | PSY | Integrative Psych Course | 3 |  |
| PSY  | Psych as a Social Sci Course  | 3 |  | PSY | Psych as a Natural Sci Course | 3 |  |
| PSY | Integrative Psych Course | 3 |  | Elective |  | 3 |  |
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| **Total Hours:** | 15 | **Total Hours**: | 15 |
| **Year 4** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| PSY | Integrative Psych Course | 3 |  | PSY 4383 | Integrative Psych Course | 3 |  |
| Elective |  | 3 |  | Elective |  | 3 |  |
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| **Total Hours:** | 15 | **Total Hours**: | 12 |
| **Total Upper-Level Hours:** | 47 | **Total Degree Hours**: | 120 |

Students requiring developmental course work based on low entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) may not be able to complete this program of study in eight (8) semesters. Developmental courses do not count toward total degree hours. **Students having completed college level courses prior to enrollment will be assisted by their advisor in making appropriate substitutions. In most cases, general education courses may be interchanged between semesters.** A minimum of 45 hours of upper-level credit (3000-4000 level) is required for this degree. Mandatory state and institutional assessment exams will be required during your degree program. ***Failure to participate in required assessments may delay graduation.***

Psychology as a Natural Science Courses:

* PSY 3214 Introduction to Neuroscience
* PSY 3303 Motivation
* PSY 4323 Physiological Psychology
* PSY 4343 Learning Processes
* PSY 4363 Cognitive Psychology
* PSY 4383 Introduction to Behavior Analysis

Psychology as a Social Science Courses:

* PSY 2133 Developmental Psychology
* PSY 2233 Abnormal Psychology
* PSY 3403 Child Psychology
* PSY 3413 Adolescent Psychology
* PSY 3523 Social Psychology
* PSY 4553 Personality Theory

**Note: No more than 6 hours from PSY 2133, PSY 3403, and PSY 3413 may be applied to the major.**

Integrative Psychology Courses:

* PSY 2032 Psychology as a Science and Profession
* PSY 3613 Cultural Psychology
* PSY 3703 Educational Psychology
* PSY 380V Special Problems (repeatable, but only 6 hours can be applied to the major)
* PSY 4053 Today’s Families
* PSY 4173 Psychometrics
* PSY 4853 Psychological Seminar

**Note: Additional courses from Psychology as a Natural Science and Psychology as a Social Science may be substituted for courses in this category.**