

I. Curriculum Changes for the B. A. and B. S. Programs for Psychology Majors,
College of Science and Mathematics, Department of Psychology

II. Program Changes

The current and proposed programs for the BA degree in psychology are described in the following table.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements: Comparison of Current and New (proposed)

Current		New	
General Education	52	General Education	57
Required Substitutions:		Require Substitutions:	
Area I: STT 264, 265*		Area I: STT 160	
Area III: PSY 105		Area III: PSY 105	
Area VI: PSY 110		Area VI: PSY 110	
Psychology Core Requirements	57	Psychology Core Requirements	68
4 of the following (2 from each row)	16	7 Core Courses	28
		(2 from row 1, 2 from row 2)	
Row A: PSY 311, 331, 341, 351		Row 1: 321, 361, 371, 391	
Row B: PSY 321, 361, 371, 391		Row 2: 311, 331, 341, 351	
PSY 300	4	Row 3: 304, 306, 307, 309	
4 400 level PSY courses	16	PSY 301, 302 & 303	12
PSY Electives	20	Two PSY 487	8
Required Supporting Courses	11-13	PSY Electives	20
MTH 126 or 127, & STT 264, 265		Required Supporting Courses	3-5
College Requirement	27	MTH 126 or 127	
27 hours outside CoSM & CECS		College Requirement	27
General Electives	37-39	27 hours outside CoSM & CECS	
Total Hours	183	General Electives	30-32
		Total Hours	187

*Hours counted under "Required Supporting Courses"

Specific changes include:

General Education, Area I required substitutions will change from STT 264 and STT 265 to STT 160.

Psychology core requirements will change from 4 core courses to 7 core courses with at least 2 from row 1 and 2 from row 2; from PSY 300 to PSY 301, PSY 302, and PSY 303; from 4 400 level PSY courses to 2 PSY 487 courses.

Required Supporting Courses will change from MTH 126 or MTH 127 and STT 264 and STT 265 to MTH 126 or MTH 127.

General Electives will change from 37-39 to 31-33.

Total Hours will be changed from 183 to 187.

The current and proposed programs for the B.S. degree in psychology are described in the following table.

Department of Psychology
Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements: Comparison of Current and New (proposed)

Current		New	
General Education	52	General Education	57
Required Substitutions:		Require Substitutions:	
Area I: STT 264, 265*		Area I: STT 160	
Area III: PSY 105		Area III: PSY 105	
Area VI: PSY 110		Area VI: PSY 110	
Psychology Core Requirements	65	Psychology Core Requirements	76
5 of the following	20	7 Core Courses: (2 from row 1, 2 from row 2, 1 from row 3)	28
(at least 2 from each row)		Row 1: 321, 361, 371, 391	
Row A: PSY 311, 331, 341, 351		Row 2: 311, 331, 341, 351	
Row B: PSY 321, 361, 371, 391		Row 3: 304, 306, 307, 309	
PSY 300, 400	9	PSY 301, 302 & 303	12
4 400 level PSY courses	16	PSY 402 or STT 265	4
2 courses from the following:		2 PSY 487	8
PSY 323, 333, 343, 353, 363, 373, 393	8	1 course from the following:	
PSY Electives	12	PSY 323, 333, 343, 353, 363, 373, 393	4
Required Supporting Courses	19-21	PSY Electives	20
MTH 128 or 129, & STT 264, 265	11-13	Required Supporting Courses	11-13
CS 141, 142, 208, 209	8	MTH 128 or 129	3-5
		CS 141 & 142	8
		(or 2 other programming courses)	
General Electives	47-49	General Electives	41-43
Total Hours	183	Total Hours	187

*Hours counted under “Required Supporting Courses”

Specific changes include:

General Education, Area I required substitution will change from STT 264 and STT 265 to STT 160.

Psychology Core Requirements will change from 5 core courses to 7 with at least 2 from row 1, 2 from row 2 and 1 from row 3; from PSY 300 to the 3 course sequence of PSY 301, PSY 302, and PSY 303; from PSY 400 to PSY 402 or STT 265; from 2 courses selected from PSY 323, 333, 343, 353, 363, 373, or 393 to one course selected from 323, 333, 343, 353, 363, 373, or 393; and from four 400 level psychology courses to two PSY 487 seminar courses.

Required Supporting Courses will change from MTH 128 or MTH 129 and STT 264 and STT 265 to MTH 128 or MTH 129; and from CS 141 and 142 or CS 208 and CS 209 to CS 141 (or other programming class) and CS 142 (or other programming class)

Course Inventory Requests for six new courses (PSY 301, PSY 302, PSY 303, PSY 309, PSY 402 and PSY 487 are attached.

- III. A one-year transition period is planned. The proposed curriculum changes will be introduced in the fall quarter, 2004. During the 2004-2005 academic year, both currently offered courses and the proposed new courses will continue to be offered. Letters outlining the curriculum changes and the options outlined below will be sent to all current psychology majors.
 - a. Students who declare psychology as their major after September 1, 2004 will meet the new 2004 psychology curriculum requirements.
 - b. Current psychology majors who have not completed STT 264 by the beginning of Fall term 2004 and who have accumulated less than 48 hours in psychology courses will be required to follow the Fall 2004 curriculum. Their progress towards graduation should not be adversely affected by curriculum changes.
 - c. Current psychology majors who have completed STT 264 and STT 265 or who have completed STT 264 and choose to complete STT 265, may choose to meet the requirements of the Fall 2004 curriculum and to substitute the STT 264 - STT 265 sequence for the General Education, Area I requirement. Alternatively these students may continue under the guidelines of the 2003 curriculum. B.S. students choosing this alternative may substitute PSY 402 for (PSY 400).
- IV. The Chair of the Department of Psychology and members of the committee developing the psychology research methods sequence have met with the Chair and committee members from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to discuss the content of research methods sequence and the impact of the curriculum for both departments.
- V. The changes in the curriculum are not expected to significantly alter our needs for computer and library resources.