

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING COURSE/PROGRAM**

ORIGINATING UNIT: Psychology

TYPE OF ACTION:

	Change in existing course
X	Change in existing program

TYPE OF CHANGE REQUESTED:

	Number
	Title
X	Description
	Pre-requisite(s)
	Drop course/program
	Program requirements
	Other (specify):

Current CIP Code (programs only):

Does the change require a new or change in CIP Code: No

If yes, what is the proposed new CIP code? _____

*for reference please visit: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=56>

Semester and year change(s) takes effect: Fall 2020

Is the program already considered TCU STEM? Yes

Does the change include a request to be a TCU STEM program? No

Appropriate Computer Abbreviation (30 spaces or less): Psychology MS requirements

Description of Change (i.e., **highlight**, **bold**, *italics*, or otherwise identify parts that are changed in proposed copy (omit if dropping a course or program)):

Present catalog copy: The Master of Science in Psychology requires at least 30 semester hours with a thesis. These semester hours are made up as follows:

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| 1) Neuroscience/Learning | |
| PSYC 60553 Conditioning and Learning | 3 |
| PSYC 50403 Advanced Neuroscience | 3 |
| 2) Social/Evolutionary | |
| PSYC 60663 Advanced Social Psychology | 3 |
| PSYC 60913 Evolutionary Social Psychology | 3 |
| 3) Cognitive/Development | |
| PSYC 50563 Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PSYC 60583 Cognition | 3 |
| 4) Quantitative | |
| PSYC 50523 Experimental Design | 3 |
| PSYC 60623 Regression Analysis | 3 |
| AND | |
| Thesis | |
| PSYC 70980 Thesis | 1-6 |
| PSYC 70990 Thesis | 1-20 |
| Electives | |
| Approved electives | 6 |

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- *Students must take at least one course from each of 1, 2, and 3.
- *Students must take at least one additional course from 1, 2, or 3.
- *Students must take both courses in 4.
- *A grade of less than B- in one course from 1, 2, or 3 may be replaced by at least a B- from either the same course or the alternative course in the corresponding area.
- *A grade of less than B- in a course from 4 must be replaced by at least a B.

Proposed catalog copy:

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PSYC 60663 Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSYC 60913 Evolutionary Social Psychology	3
3) Cognitive/Development	
PSYC 50563 Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 60583 Cognition	3
4) Quantitative	
PSYC 50523 Analysis of Variance Experimental Design	3
PSYC 60623 Regression Analysis	3
AND	
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~~*A grade of less than B- in a course from 4 must be replaced by at least a B-~~ A grade less than B- is considered failing within the department and can result in two consequences. First, the course will not count toward the MS degree and may be required to be repeated. Second, the failing grade may result in dismissal from the graduate program. If a student makes two grades of less than B-, in either the same or two different classes, the student may automatically be dismissed from the program. The department will also recommend that financial support be withdrawn.

Supporting Evidence of Justification: We are hoping to streamline some repetitive language, along with clarifying department policies regarding failing grades. The change in course title (i.e., Analysis of Variance) corresponds with a separate change request.

Explain how the change(s) will affect the current outcomes and assessment mechanisms?

Not applicable (N/A)

Additional Resources Required:

Faculty: N/A

Space: N/A

Equipment: N/A

Library: N/A

Other: N/A

Change in teaching load:

Does this change affect any other units of the University? No

If yes, submit supporting statement signed by chair of affected unit.

If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and the cross-listed units.

Chair of Originating Unit:

Signature:  _____

Name: __Anna Petursdottir_____

Unit: __Psychology_____

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