

**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 (Graduate Catalog – General Description)

**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:**

Students may earn the Master of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology, or a Master of Science in Developmental Trauma. A minor in Quantitative Psychology is also available. Students who want only a master's degree in psychology and do not plan to complete the doctoral program at TCU are not typically accepted.

Prerequisites for the MA and MS Degrees in Experimental Psychology: BA or BS in Psychology or a 24-hour equivalent.

Prerequisites for the MS Degree in Developmental Trauma: The Developmental Trauma program is designed for students with background in psychology, child development or a related field.

Prerequisites for the Ph.D. Degree in Experimental Psychology: BA or BS in Psychology or a 24-hour equivalent.

The GRE is required, but with no minimum score expectation. The GRE score is part of a holistic review of each application.

Students with majors in other disciplines will be considered upon request, but may be required to make up any deficiencies in their undergraduate preparations.

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**Proposed catalog copy:**

The graduate program in experimental psychology has a research emphasis reflecting the study of psychology as a science rather than the therapeutic aspects of the field.

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Students may earn the Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Experimental Psychology, or a Master of Science in Developmental Trauma (MS-DETR). A minor in Quantitative Psychology (QOPM) is also available to graduate students in these programs.

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Prerequisites for the MA, and MS, and PhD Degrees in Experimental Psychology: BA or BS in Psychology or a 24-hour equivalent. The MA and MS degrees in Experimental Psychology are available only to students enrolled in the PhD program; students who do not plan to complete the PhD program at TCU are not accepted. To be eligible for admission to the program, an applicant must possess a bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from a recognized college or university. Applicants should also provide an academic transcript reflecting undergraduate and/or graduate preparation appropriate for the degree being sought. The Department of Psychology recommends that applicants possess a BA or BS in Psychology (or a 24-hour equivalent). Students with a background in physical or biological sciences, mathematics, social sciences, or other-related fields will also be considered. The applicant should have adequate preparation including courses on statistics and research methods. Students with majors in disciplines other than Psychology may be required to make up any deficiencies in their undergraduate preparations.

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There are no specific criteria for admissions as we utilize a holistic approach in the review of graduate student applications. There are no cutoff points for GPA or GRE scores. The admission committee reviews all parts of an applicant's qualifications, including GPA, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, curriculum vita, personal statement, previous research experience, and other criteria. There are always applicants who could perform well in our program but may be turned away because we have too many applicants for too few spots.

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**Supporting Evidence of Justification:** The suggested changes have been made to better reflect admissions criteria in regard to psychology graduate study at TCU. Language was edited to eliminate redundancies and separate statements about the Experimental Psychology program from statements about the DETR program.

**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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