

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **12-Oct-15** Curriculum Bulletin _____
 Effective Date **Fall 2016** Approved by EPC _____

Department **Psychological Sciences**
 College **AS - Arts and Sciences**
 Degree **MA - Master of Arts**
 Program Name **Experimental Psychology** Program Banner Code **EPYC**
 Concentration(s) **Gerontology** Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) **GERO**
 Proposal **Revise program**

Description of proposal:

Change degree name from Experimental Psychology to Psychological Science
Clarify program requirements
Inactivate MA in Experimental Psychology - Gerontology concentration

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours? Yes No
 Current total credit hours: **32** Proposed total credit hours **30**

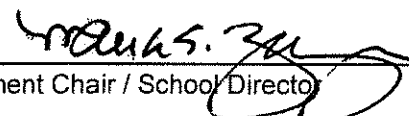


Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

None

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

None

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

	<u>10 / 14 / 15</u>
Department Chair / School Director	
	<u> / / </u>
Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)	
	<u>10 / 16 / 15</u>
College Dean (or designee)	
	<u>11 / 2 / 15</u>
Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)	
	<u> / / </u>
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs or Provost (or designee)	

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Proposal Summary

Revise the MA in Experimental Psychology [MA EPYC]

Description of Action, Including Intended Effect

Change the name of the MA in Experimental Psychology to MA in Psychological Science. This change is being made in response to our department's last external review (OBR, February 2013), where it was noted that the name "experimental psychology" was outdated. The proposal is in response to this feedback, and also to better reflect the scholarly work being conducted by faculty and graduate students in this program and to better market the program to prospective students.

The MA in Experimental Psychology – Gerontology program is also being inactivated, as no students have been admitted to this concentration in over a decade and the faculty involved in the concentration have retired.

Impact on Other Programs, Course Offerings, Students, Faculty, Staff (e.g., duplication issues)

None

Fiscal, Enrollment, Facilities and Staffing Considerations

None

Evidence of Need and Sustainability if Establishing

NA

Provisions for Phase-Out if Inactivating

NA

Timetable and Actions Required: *a chronology of actions required to approve the proposal with an anticipated implementation date for each action*

Approval from Department – October 2015
Approval from College of Arts and Sciences – Fall 2015
Approval from EPC – Fall 2015
Approval from Faculty Senate – Fall 2015
Approval from Ohio Board of Regents – Fall 2015
Effective Fall 2016

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John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

**CHANGE REQUEST FORM
NAME CHANGE**

Use this form to notify the Chancellor of name changes to authorized programs. RACGS institutions submitting a request for graduate programs should submit its request to Char Rogge at crogge@regents.state.oh.us. All other requests should be submitted to ProgramApproval@regents.state.oh.us. Documents may be submitted as Microsoft Office documents (e.g., Word or Excel) or as PDF documents.

Please submit your request at least 60 days before the proposed change is to be implemented. The institution will be notified that the request was received and assigned an institutional mentor within seven business days of submitting its request. The institutional mentor will contact the individual listed on the form to discuss the request.

Date of submission:

10/2015

Name of institution:

Kent State University

Primary institutional contact for this request:

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Previously approved title:

MA degree in Experimental Psychology

Proposed new title:

MA degree in Psychological Science

Date that the request received final approval from the appropriate institutional committee:

Major name change approved by the Kent State Board of Trustees on [date].

Proposed implementation date:

Fall 2016

Educator Preparation Programs:

Indicate whether the program that is being renamed leads to educator preparation licenses or endorsements.

Licensure NO
Endorsement No

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1. *Rationale for name change.*

The Experimental Psychology MA program at Kent State University trains graduate students for careers and teaching in Psychological Science. Students generally continue on with the PhD program in Experimental Psychology at Kent State University. The program has successfully graduated students since 1968. The program currently has 14 core tenure-track faculty members and 14 MA students. Faculty are involved in research in the areas of behavioral neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, health psychology, and social psychology. The Social Psychology program was ranked in the top 50 for impact on the field (*Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*). Four of the faculty (Delahanty, Dunlosky, Rawson, Riccio) are KSU Distinguished Scholars.

During the last external review of our Department (OBR review, February 2013), the external reviewers indicated that the name 'experimental psychology' was outdated. Thus, the proposed name change is in response to the feedback from the external reviewers.

The major advantage of renaming the degree to Psychological Science is that it will better reflect the scholarly work being conducted by faculty in this graduate program, and thus market the program better to prospective students. The name 'experimental psychology' implies that faculty in this training program use experimental methods in their research. Not all faculty in this training program, however, use experimental methods or train their students as experimental psychologists. All faculty are, however, committed to advancing psychological science and training graduate students as psychological scientists.

In July 2014 the name of the Department of Psychology was changed to the Department of Psychological Sciences. The degree name change would bring the degree in line with the new name for the Department.

Compared to other state funded schools in Ohio, the University of Toledo and Ohio University still use the name Experimental Psychology. However, other graduate programs across the country have changed their degree program name to reflect this focus on psychological science (e.g. Vanderbilt University, University of Missouri).

2. *Describe how the name change will affect students in the current program.*

Current students may opt to change their major from "Experimental Psychology" to "Psychological Science" so the new name is reflected on their academic transcript, but are not required to do so. Students entering the degree starting Fall 2016 will have "Psychological Science" appear on their degree

3. *Are there any administrative, curricular, faculty or support service changes occurring along with the name change? If "yes," please describe.*

No, all current administrative, faculty and support services are sufficient.

4. *Have the appropriate accreditation agencies been informed of the proposed change (if applicable)?*

This MA program is not accredited so this is not applicable

Kent State University verifies that the information in this request is truthful and accurate.

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Respectfully,

Signature of the institution's Chief Presiding or Chief Academic Officer

Todd A. Diacon
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Kent State University

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psychological science

Description

Psychological Science
 The **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** in Experimental Psychology program offers doctoral education and training in experimental psychology, with specializations in behavioral neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology and health psychology. The curriculum and other aspects of training offered by the Department prepare students for careers in research and teaching.

Psychological Science
 The **Master of Arts (M.A.)** in Experimental Psychology is an intermediate degree required of students in the doctoral program and offers specialization in behavioral neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology, and health psychology.

~~With the interdisciplinary Master of Arts (M.A.) in Experimental Psychology-Gerontology, students develop a specialty in gerontological studies in preparation for doctoral work.~~

The graduate programs in psychology are strongly research-oriented. Students are encouraged to become engaged in a variety of research projects.

Admission Requirements

Applications for admission are accepted only from holders of ^{at least} a baccalaureate who aspire to the doctorate. *It is limited to students whose records clearly indicate both scholarly and research potential to do doctoral level work.*

- Ⓟ The M.A. requires a broad undergraduate preparation; research experience; junior-senior scholastic GPA average of 3.0; and 18 semester hours in psychology, which include a course in statistics and a broad background in psychology. Students also must submit a statement of goals and motivations for pursuing a career in psychology, official transcript(s), scores from the Graduate Record Examination, and three letters of recommendation.

~~In addition to the requirements above, admission into the Ph.D. program requires an M.A. or M.S. in Psychology.~~

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the [Graduate Studies](#) website.

Graduation Requirements

M.A.: Requirements for the M.A. degree are a minimum of ³⁰32 total credit hours, which include a basic core of required courses and a thesis. Additional courses are selected with the aid of an advisor. A limited number of courses outside the department may be credited toward the degree. No 50000-level *PSYC* psychology courses may be applied toward degree requirements for psychology majors. *12*

Students must complete at least 18 semester hours of course credits within an academic year.

Ph.D.: The doctoral program, ~~with the M.A. as an intermediate degree~~, requires a minimum of four years of full-time attendance for holders of the baccalaureate degree. All doctoral students in psychology (regardless of area of specialization) complete a program of basic core courses, select additional courses and seminars with the aid of a faculty advisor, and complete a master's thesis and a doctoral dissertation. A limited number of graduate courses outside the department may be credited toward graduation. No 50000-level psychology courses may be applied to the degree program for psychology majors.

Doctoral program aspirants who do not hold the ~~M.A.~~ ^{master's degree upon starting the program} must complete all the requirements for the master's degree.

The program requires full-time continuous enrollment including summers.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- psychological science ←
1. Demonstrate mastery of the current theories and significant empirical findings in a major area of ~~Experimental Psychology~~. Mastery includes acquiring both an understanding of these materials as well as the ability to think critically about them.
 2. Teach courses in ~~Experimental Psychology~~. *psychological science*
 3. Supervise and mentor undergraduate students in both research settings and in the classroom.
 4. Design, execute, analyze and report empirical studies that make a significant contribution in a major area of ~~Experimental Psychology~~ *psychological science*

Thesis/ Dissertation

M.A.: Students must complete a master's thesis.

~~Experimental Psychology-Gerontology: The master's thesis must be empirical in nature. It will be presented and defended before a committee of graduate faculty members, at least two of whom will be members of the faculty in gerontological studies. One member of the thesis committee must be from another department participating in the gerontological studies program. The thesis and its defense must meet the requirements of the Department of Psychology.~~

Ph.D.: Students must complete a doctoral dissertation.

Candidacy

Ph.D.: Students who have been admitted into the doctoral program will be considered for Ph.D. candidacy after they have met all requirements for the M.A. and have passed a qualifying examination in a major area of specialization in psychology. In addition, the department reserves the right to separate from the program a student who, in the opinion of a duly constituted departmental committee, is not likely to succeed professionally despite earning acceptable grades. Proficiency in a foreign language is not a requirement for a doctoral degree in psychology.

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Psychological Science → and PhD

Experimental Psychology - M.A. Program Requirements

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (32 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
PSYC 61651	Quantitative Statistical Analysis I	3
PSYC 61654	Quantitative Statistical Analysis II	3
Choose at least 1 course from 3 of the 4 following groups:		
PSYC 61054	Learning and Conditioning (3)	3
PSYC 61350	Physiological Psychology (3)	3
PSYC 60453	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (3) or	3
PSYC 70413	Cognitive Neuropsychology (3)	3
PSYC 60313	Community Psychology (3)	3
PSYC 61580	Social Psychology (3)	3
PSYC 61260	Theories of Personality (3)	3
PSYC 70615	Social and Personality Development (3)	3
Additional Program Requirements		17
TOTAL		32

Students must complete two quantitative methods courses appropriate to their areas of specialization within psychology.

Students must also complete five departmental core courses selected from four areas (biological bases of behavior, cognitive and affective bases of behavior, social bases of behavior, individual behavior). Specific courses vary according to students' areas of specialization within psychology.

Note: New tables and text attached

"MA Psychological Science"
"PhD Psychological Science"



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Major Requirements (30 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
PSYC 61651	Quantitative Statistical Analysis I	3
PSYC 61654	Quantitative Statistical Analysis II	3
PSYC 62685 or PSYC 61685	Research Methods in Psychological Science or Clinical Research Methods*	3
Additional Program Electives**		15
PSYC 61199	Thesis I	6
Total		30

First Year Project. Students in the Psychological Science PhD program must complete a first year project and present the first year project in front of faculty and graduate students during the Fall of their 2nd year.

* Students in the Psychological Science PhD program must take PSYC 62685. Students in the Clinical Psychology PhD program must take PSYC 61685.

**Note: PSYC 61498 (Research) can be used to partially satisfy these additional program electives.

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