

CURRICULUM REVISION PROPOSAL
for the
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

I. TITLE/AUTHOR OF PROPOSAL

PROGRAM TITLE: PSYCHOLOGY/Applied Track Revision
DEPARTMENT: Department of Psychology
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II. APPROVALS

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III. TIMETABLE

Date Submitted to UWUCC 6/89 Semester/Year to be Implemented Fall, 90 Year to be published in Catalog 1990

IV. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE

1. Catalog Description

LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT: As outlined in Liberal Studies 54 section with the following specifications:

Mathematics: MA217

Social Science: PC101, EC121

Liberal Studies elective: Foreign Language III and IV, CO101

MAJOR:

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Required Courses:

PC290	Research Design and Analysis I	4sh
PC291	Research Design and Analysis II	4sh
PC420	Psychology of Organizations	3sh
PC421	Psychology of Work	3sh
PC493	Practicum	3sh(1)

Controlled Electives:

One course from each of these six core areas:

A. Developmental Psychology:	PC310, 311, 312	3sh
B. Individual Differences:	PC 320, 321, 322	3sh
C. Social/Environmental:	PC330, 331	3sh
D. Cognition/Learning:	PC340, 341, 342	4sh
E. Biological Bases of Behavior:	PC350, 351, 352	4sh
F. Metatheoretical Perspectives in Psychology:	PC410, 411	3sh

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Applied Concentration

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EC122	Principles of Economics II	3sh
EC330	Labor Economics	3sh
LR480	Collective Bargaining	3sh
2 courses,	as approved by adviser(2)	6sh

FREE ELECTIVES:

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TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 124

- (1) Department recommends at least 6 sh of PC 493: Practicum
- (2) Department recommends PC 424: Planned Organizational Change and one course in Business or another applied area.

2. Summary of Changes

The revision requires some minor changes with the following goals:

A. The core requirement of psychology courses for the general major and the applied track shall be identical. The department supports one common core for all psychology majors which has built into it controlled electives. No further restrictions need to be introduced in this core.

B. Applied Psychology in general focuses on non-clinical applications of psychology to solutions of human, social, and organizational problems in such areas as industry, government, urban affairs, police and correctional systems, health and educational institutions, transportation and defense systems, and consumer affairs. The applied track in the IUP Psychology Department emphasizes individual and group processes in work and employment situations. The concentration for the applied track takes the place of a minor and consists of coursework beyond immediate instruction in general or applied psychology; its function shall be to provide necessary background information on both the societal and the institutional work and employment context by giving students a firm foundation in the discipline of economics (beyond EC101 Basic Economics) and by introducing them to a diversity of systematic points of view on labor related issues. Further, students shall have the choice between business and human services applications.

Old Program:

A.

PC342 Human Cognition: Memory and Thinking required

B.

Concentration:

MG360 Management and Production Concepts, and one course from:

EC330 Labor Economics

LR480 Collective Bargaining

New Program:

Controlled Electives: One of PC340, 341, 342 required

Concentration:

One course in business or another applied area recommended, and both:

EC330 Labor Economics

LR480 Collective Bargaining

For informational purposes, the existing unchanged two courses of the concentration are also described here: EC122 Principles of Economics II (EC121 is specified under Social Sciences), and a second elective course in an applied area.

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SUBJECT: LR 480 Seats for Applied Psychology

TO: Mario Sussmann, Coordinator
Applied Track Coordinator

FROM: James F. Byers, Chairperson *James F. Byers*
Industrial and Labor Relations Department

In response to your February 20, 1989 request, the Industrial and Labor Relations Department will be glad to supply eight seats per year in our LR 480 course for your students.

If there are any further questions, please call me at extension 4471.

JFB:tr

To: Dr. Donald A. Walker, Chair,
 Department of Economics
 From: Mario Sussmann, Psychology
 Re: Seats in EC 330 for students in Applied Psychology
 Date: February 20, 1989

As you may know, students in the curriculum Psychology: Applied Track, now choose one of EC 330 and LR 480 as part of their requirement to have a concentration outside of psychology. Permission for this requirement was obtained from both departments concerned.

Following the latest review of the applied track program, the psychology department undergraduate curriculum committee wishes to upgrade the quality of the requirement by asking students to take both EC 330 and LR 480. Informally, some students have done so already in the last year or so. Formally, the change would mean that instead of eight seats per year in the combination of the two courses, we would need now eight seats per year in each course, that is an addition of four seats per year.

We kindly ask that you grant us the permission necessary for this change. If there are questions or problems please contact me at extension 4526.

Sincerely,



Mario Sussmann, Ph.D.
 Applied Track Coordinator

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Mario - we don't reserve seats for specific programs. We would otherwise have ten or twelve little blocks of seats to worry about. We will, however, make every effort to accommodate your students on a seats available basis.

