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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

- New Course                       Course Prefix Change                       Course Deletion  
 Course Revision                       Course Number and/or Title Change                       Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

- Learning Skills     Knowledge Area     Global and Multicultural Awareness     Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course)  
 Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)  
 Global Citizenship                       Information Literacy                       Oral Communication  
 Quantitative Reasoning                       Scientific Literacy                       Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

- Honors College Course                       Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals

- Catalog Description Change                       Program Revision                       Program Title Change                       New Track  
 New Degree Program                       New Minor Program                       Liberal Studies Requirement Changes                       Other

Current program name: Minor - Psychological Science

Proposed program name, if changing: N/A

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Laura Knight</i>	9/19/14
Department Chairperson(s)	<i>Randy Patterson</i>	9/23/14
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>Ann Keady</i>	10/7/14
College Dean	<i>Steve Huff</i>	10/7/14
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)	<i>Theresa S. Malachuk (un)</i>	10/10/14
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail Sedquist</i>	10/28/14

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**Part II. Description of Curriculum Change**

**1. Catalog description**

**Minor – Psychological Science**

**18 – 19cr**

**Required Courses (1):**

PSYC 101 General Psychology	(2)	3cr
PSYC 290 Research Design and Analysis I	(3)	4cr
Two 4-credit PSYC laboratory courses		8cr
One PSYC elective		3-4cr

- (1) At least 6 credits must be 300-level or above.
- (2) Meets Liberal Studies requirement.
- (3) Prerequisite: MATH 217.

**2. Summary of changes:**

**a. Table comparing old and new programs**

OLD Psychological Science Minor 17-18cr	NEW Psychological Science Minor 18-19cr
<p>Required Courses</p> <p>PSYC 101 General Psychology (1) 3cr</p> <p>PSYC 290 Research Design and Analysis I 4cr (2)</p> <p>One course from core areas A, B, or C (3) 3-4 cr</p> <p>One course from core areas D or E (3) 3-4 cr</p> <p>One PSYC elective 3-4 cr</p> <p>(1) Meets Liberal Studies requirement.</p> <p>(2) Prerequisite: MATH 217</p> <p>(3) At least one course must be a content-based laboratory course.</p>	<p>Required Courses (1)</p> <p>PSYC 101 General Psychology (2) 3cr</p> <p>PSYC 290 Research Design and Analysis I (3) 4cr</p> <p>Two 4-credit PSYC laboratory courses 8cr</p> <p>One PSYC elective 3-4cr</p> <p>(1) At least 6 credits must be 300-level or above.</p> <p>(2) Meets Liberal Studies requirement.</p> <p>(3) Prerequisite: MATH 217</p>

**b. List of all associated course changes**

The total number of credits for the minor has been increased to 18 hours. In addition to the already existing requirements, students will select an additional Psychology laboratory course to fulfill the minor. The additional laboratory course may be a content-based lab or an additional research methods lab. The footnote referring to a content-based laboratory course has been

deleted, as the Psychology Department only offers one other laboratory course that is not defined as a content-based lab (i.e., PSYC 291 Research Design and Analysis II), so students will automatically take at least one additional content-based laboratory course to fulfill the new minor requirements. The provision that at least 6 credits must be 300-level or above was added to ensure the minor is consistent with the PASSHE Board of Governors Policy.

### **c. Rationale for change**

The total number of credits required for the minor has been increased to 18, with at least 6 credits from courses that are 300-level or above, to comply with the PASSHE Board of Governors Policy. In requiring students to take one additional laboratory course, students will develop a more robust and useful understanding of the scientific basis for the discipline of psychology as they fulfill the requirements of an 18-credit minor.

### **Part III. Implementation**

#### **1. How will the proposed revision affect students already in the existing program?**

Students already enrolled in the minor will not be required to adhere to this curriculum change. The curriculum change will apply to students who begin their education at IUP after the program revision goes into effect. Students will adhere to the program description noted in the Undergraduate Catalog from their respective entrance year.

#### **2. Are faculty resources adequate?**

Yes

#### **3. Are other resources adequate?**

Yes

#### **4. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students as a result of revisions? If so, how will the department adjust?**

We expect no significant change in the number of students enrolled in the Psychological Science Minor. This minor has historically graduated significantly fewer students in comparison with the Psychology minor.

### **Part IV. Periodic Assessment**

#### **1. Describe the evaluation plan.**

As this is a revision of an existing program, the same due diligence regarding review and evaluation will continue.

#### **2. Specify the frequency of evaluations.**

Every five years, the Psychology Department undergoes a review process. The utility, scope, and value to students of the minor will be reviewed during the 5-year review process.

#### **3. Identify the evaluating entity.**

All course, curriculum, and program issues are handled by the Psychology Department Curriculum Committee with input from the faculty, students, administration, and external reviewers who participate in the 5-year review process.

**Part V. Course Proposals**

No new courses are being proposed.

**Part VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement**

N/A