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Memorandum

Date: October 13, 2017

To: Dr. J. Haky, Chair, University Undergraduate Programs Committee

From: Dr. Robert Stackman Jr.

Interim Chair, Department of Psychology

Subject: Changes to University Catalog entries for the Department of Psychology

In order to graduate, the College of Science requires that students maintain a "C" average in departmental major courses. In line with this requirement, the Department of Psychology has voted to change the minimum grade requirement to "C-" in all psychology and cognate courses taken as part of the requirements for the undergraduate degree in the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Psychology, the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Neuroscience and Behavior, the minor in Psychology, and the Certificate in Applied Mental Health Services. The "C-" minimum grade requirement will apply to students admitted to the program after the changes have been updated in the university catalog. The Department requests approval for these proposed changes and requests that the program descriptions in the university catalog be updated as shown in the table below.

In addition, the Psychology Department also requests that university catalog be updated to reflect the current list of faculty associated with the program as shown in the table below.

Section: Bachelor of Arts with Major in Psychology (Description)		
Existing Catalog Language	Proposed Change	
The B.A. degree in Psychology is intended	The B.A. degree in Psychology is intended for	
for students interested in pursuing graduate	students interested in pursuing graduate study in	
study in psychology (experimental	psychology (experimental psychology, clinical	
psychology, clinical or counseling	or counseling psychology, applied psychology).	
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choice of electives. Thus, it may be tailored to the interests of the individual student and to further professional plans. Facilities are available for experimental research in cognitive psychology, neuroscience and behavior, social/personality psychology and developmental psychology. Qualified students are strongly encouraged to become involved in such research (normally via a Directed Independent Study or a special research course).

interests of the individual student and to further professional plans. A grade of "C-" or better (unless otherwise noted in the course description) is required in all Psychology AND cognate courses taken as part of the requirements for a B.A. with a major in Psychology. However, students must maintain a "C" average in departmental major courses.

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Section: Bachelor of Science with Major in Neuroscience and Behavior

Existing Catalog Language

Proposed Change

The Neuroscience and Behavior major provides undergraduate preparation for students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in psychobiology, neuroscience and/or behavioral biology, or in pursuing professional degrees in medicine or veterinary medicine. Qualified students are strongly encouraged to become involved in neuroscience and behavior research projects (normally via a Directed Independent Study or special research course). An optional Honors Thesis, PSY 4970, is available to those students who meet the academic requirements.

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the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the <u>Transfer Student Manual</u>.

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment. Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lowerdivision requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the Transfer Student Manual. All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment

Section: Psychology Minor

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students who complete a minimum of 15	
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FAU.	

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Section: Applied Mental Health Services Certificate

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careers in clinical psychology, mental health counseling and allied human services that enhances the student's chosen major. This program is also specialized training for students who wish to pursue graduate degrees in these critical-need careers.

Students who have completed 60 credits with a GPA of 3.0 or better may apply for the certificate program. The program requires a minimum of 15 credits by completing the psychology and counselor education courses below. Students must attain a 3.0 GPA or better to qualify for the certificate. Students who qualify will receive a certificate of completion and a notation on their transcript.

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Section: Faculty

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Wolgin, D. L., Chair.; Barenholtz, E.;
Bjorklund, D. F.; Bressler, S.; Greif, M.; Hock,
H. S.; Hoff, E.; Hong, S. W.; Hughes, K.;
Jakubow, J.; Jones, N.; Kelso, J. A. S.; Kersten,
A.; Large, E.; Lasiter, P. S.; Laursen, B.;
Lewkowicz, D. J.; Mize, K.; Monson, T. C.;
Moyer, R.M.; Nowak, A.; Peluso, J. P.; Perry,
D. G.; Perry, G.; Rosselli, M.; Sherman, R. A.;
Stackman, R.; Terry, L. M.; Vallacher, R. R.;
Vertes, R.; White, C.

For a list of current faculty, please refer to the Department of Psychology website: http://www.psy.fau.edu/people/index.php

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Department/Program Chair:	
College Curriculum Chair:	
College Dean:	

UUPC Chair:	
Undergraduate Studies Dean:	
UFS President:	
Provost:	