

Item AS: A-1 (c)

Termination of BA in Social Psychology (CIP 42.1601)

The following reasons may be given for consideration of termination of an academic degree program:

1. Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment; or the program duplicates other offerings at the university.
2. The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, or is no longer aligned with the strategic goals of the Board of Governors.
3. The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida in providing a viable educational or occupational objective.

Justification for termination:

In 2007-2008, 3 degrees in Social Psychology were awarded. In 2008-2009, 2 degrees were awarded.

1. The description of the degree program has not appeared in the University catalog since the 2005-2006 academic year. No new students were admitted to this program. All were directed into the BA in Psychology degree program.
2. Students will not be disadvantaged and will be eligible to complete the BA in Psychology.
3. The Social Psychology degree program was inherited from the College of Social Science when Psychology and Social Psychology were merged. Of the 3 faculty who came to Science as part of this merger, none remain on the psychology faculty. No faculty will be impacted by the termination of this degree.

Enrollments in this major are no longer sufficient to maintain the degree. There is currently 1 student classified as SOCP. She is taking courses consistent with the BA Psychology degree and she plans to pursue that major. She has been informed that the social psychology degree program is terminating in Spring 2010. Two other students classified with this major broke enrollment for over 1 year and are no longer eligible to be classified as SOCP. The Department of Psychology is working with the students to pursue the Psychology degree program and will make appropriate substitutions so as not to disadvantage the student.

In addition, the program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, and the program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida. These goals can be met with the B.A. in Psychology. The Social Psychology degree has considerable overlap with the BA in Psychology (Social Psychology Track). There are a number of social psychology courses that will continue to be offered and can be taken as electives in the BA Psychology.