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## New Combined Degree Program Request

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Proposed Program: BA/MA Psychology CIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date (Term/Year): Fall 2022 / \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Fall/2020)

Proposed Combined Program Information	Undergraduate	Graduate
Degree Level (e.g. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., etc.)	B.A.	M.A.
Program Name (e.g. Physics, Engineering, etc.)	Psychology	Psychology
College	Science	Science
Department	Psychology	Psychology
Program Description (provide a brief description of the program, including thesis or non-thesis option)	The Combined Bachelors/Masters Program in Psychology will allow highly-qualified students to complete the requirements for both a B.A. degree in Psychology and a Masters degree in Psychology in five years. The program requires 156 credits of which 120 are for the Bachelors degree and 36 credits are for the M.A. degree. Students apply to the program in the second semester of their Junior year or upon completion of 60 credits in a Bachelors program at FAU. Once admitted, students may take up to 12 credits of graduate course work in their Senior year, which may be used to satisfy the requirements of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.	

Curriculum Requirements	
<p><b>GPA Requirements:</b> Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. Note: Please attach explanation.</p> <p>Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.6 in upper division course work.</p>	<p><b>List courses to be shared:</b> Up to twelve (12) credit hours of graduate courses (5000 level or above course work) may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree for a combined program. Note: Please attach explanation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic justification for shared credits and catalog language</li> <li>List the undergraduate course that will be replaced by graduate courses.</li> </ul>

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## **Addendum: Proposal for a Combined Bachelors/Masters Program in Psychology**

### ***Program Description***

The Combined Bachelors/Masters Program in Psychology will allow highly-qualified students to complete the requirements for both a B.A. degree in Psychology or a B.S. degree in Neuroscience and Behavior and a Masters degree in Psychology in five years. The program requires 156 credits of which 120 are for the Bachelors degree and 36 credits are for the M.A. degree. Students apply to the program in the second semester of their Junior year or upon completion of 60 credits in a Bachelors program at FAU. Once admitted, students may take up to 12 credits of graduate course work in their Senior year, which may be used to satisfy the requirements of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

### ***Justification***

The program is designed to attract high achieving students by offering them a vehicle to earn both a Bachelors and Masters degree within five years with the goal of attracting such students to continue their training at FAU through the doctoral level. Accordingly, the minimum GPA has been set even higher than that required for admission to the Honors Program and active research experience at the undergraduate level is required.

### ***Admissions Requirements***

To be eligible for the program, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.6 in upper division course work. In addition, they must have research experience either through Directed Independent Research (PSB 4917, PSB 4915, PSY 4915, PSY 4916) or an equivalent research venue (e.g., as a grant-funded research assistant). Finally, students must have secured the agreement of a faculty member to serve as their graduate mentor prior to applying to the program. The Graduate Record Exam is not required.

### ***Graduate Courses To Be Shared***

All graduate courses must be at the 5000 level or higher. Students may enroll in graduate courses from any of the core areas of the program (Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognition, Developmental, Social; see below) only after completing the corresponding undergraduate core course in that area (PSB 3002 Biological Bases of Behavior; EXP 3505 Cognition; DEP 3053 Psychology of Human Development; SOP 3004 Social Psychology, respectively). Similarly, students may enroll in graduate statistics courses (e.g., PSY 6206) only after completing PSY 3234 Experimental Design and Statistical Inference and STA 3163L Intermediate Statistics Lab. The application of 12 graduate credits to both the undergraduate and graduate degrees is justified because of the academic continuity of the two programs.

<b>Behavioral Neuroscience</b>	
Special Topics in Behavioral Neuroscience	PSB 6930
Principles of Neuroscience	PSB 6037
Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience	PSB 6058
Methods of Psychobiology	PSB 6118
Neuroscience 1 and 2	PSB 6345, PSB 6346
Seminar in Developmental Psychobiology	PSB 6509
Developmental Neuropsychology	PSB 6516
Seminar in Biopsychology of Language	PSB 6809

<b>Cognition</b>	
Seminar in Cognitive Development	DEP 6067
Seminar in Individual Differences in Children's Thinking	DEP 6932
Seminar in Human Perception	EXP 6208
Seminar in Cognition	EXP 6609
Special Topics in Cognition	EXP 6930
Cognitive Neuroscience	ISC 5465
Biological Vision	PSB 5117
Seminar in Biopsychology of Language	PSB 6809
Special Topics (Cognition)	PSY 5930

<b>Developmental</b>	
Seminar in Cognitive Development	DEP 6067
Seminar in Personality and Social Development	DEP 6098
Parent-Child Relationships	DEP 6609
Evolutionary Developmental Psychology	DEP 6610
Seminar in Development of Social Cognition	DEP 6931
Seminar in Individual Differences in Children's Thinking	DEP 6932
Special Topics in Developmental Psychology	DEP 6930
Seminar in Developmental Psychobiology	PSB 6509
Developmental Neurobiology	PSB 6515
Developmental Neuropsychology	PSB 6516

<b>Social/Personality</b>	
Seminar in Evolutionary Psychology	CBH 6303
Seminar in Personality and Social Development	DEP 6098
Seminar in Self-Concept and Behavior	PPE 6209
Seminar in Experimental Studies of Personality	PPE 6709
Special Topics in Personality/Social Psychology	PPE 6930
Evolution of Human Sexuality	PSY 6840
Advanced Social Behavior	SOP 6079
Seminar in Social Cognition and Behavior	SOP 6440

### ***Degree Requirements***

Students admitted to the program will fulfill all of the requirements for both the Bachelors and Masters degrees, including a Masters thesis.

### ***Funding Opportunities***

Students admitted to the program are eligible for financial support in the form of *Pathways Scholarships* offered through the Graduate College. The scholarship provides \$1,000 in each of the two semesters of the graduate program (i.e., year 5).