



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 |
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| 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) | <p>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.</p> | |

| Curriculum Requirements | |
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| <p>GPA Requirements: Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. <i>Note: Please attach explanation.</i></p> <p>Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.6 in upper division course work.</p> | <p>List courses to be shared: 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. <i>Note: Please attach explanation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic justification for shared credits and catalog language List the undergraduate course that will be replaced by graduate courses. |

| | Name | Signature | Email | Date |
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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.

| Behavioral Neuroscience | |
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| 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 |

| Cognition | |
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| 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 |

| Developmental | |
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| 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 |

| Social/Personality | |
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| 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).