



Re: new course proposals

From Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>
Date Thu 7/24/2025 2:54 PM
To Alan Kersten <akersten@fau.edu>

Hi Alan - Biology has no objection to this course being offered by Psychology. It does not have any overlap with our courses.

Best,
Sarah

Dr. Sarah L. Milton
Professor and Chair
Department of Biological Sciences
FAU

From: Alan Kersten <akersten@fau.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:19 AM
To: Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>
Cc: Simon Pieraut <spieraut@fau.edu>
Subject: new course proposals

Hi Sarah,
Simon Pieraut has been offering a course titled "Neurobiology of Mental Illness" with a special topics number, with sections for both the Psychology Department and the Honors College. We were hoping to formally propose both versions of the course so that we can get a dedicated course number. Your department is the one that is most likely to be affected by our offering this course (hopefully in a positive way), so I was hoping to get your input on this course that we can include with the new course proposals to the UUPC. I've attached the new course proposal forms (with accompanying syllabi) for the Honors and non-Honors versions of the course for you to review. I don't know what your approval process is like in Biology, so I don't know if this is something you can do over the summer or if you need to wait until the faculty on your undergraduate committee are back under contract, but we were hoping to get these on the agenda for the September 8th UUPC meeting, which has an August 28th deadline for agenda items. Please let me know if this time frame will work for you to get back to us with any comments and hopefully your approval. I'm sure you've done these before, but as I understand it, we just need an email from you stating that you don't have any concerns with this proposal moving forward. Please let me know if this works.

Thanks,
Alan

Alan Kersten
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On Dec 2, 2025, at 09:58, Tracy Mincer <tmincer@fau.edu> wrote:

Dear Dr. Hill,

I confirm that the Wilkes Honors College has no objection to the course, PSB 4072 Honors Neurobiology of Mental Illness, being taught as a non-honors version to undergraduate students in the College of Science.

Please let me know if there are any other actions needed on my side.

Sincerely,

-Tracy

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From: Terje Hill <terjehill@fau.edu>

Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 at 3:37 PM

To: Tracy Mincer <tmincer@fau.edu>

Subject: PSB 4072

Dear Tracy,

Back in August, we approved a new course, PSB 4072 Honors Neurobiology of Mental Illness, taught by Dr. Simon Pieraut. A regular undergraduate version of this course was approved at today's UUPC meeting pending a support letter from the Honors College stating that we do not object to the regular undergraduate version being taught in the College of Science. Could you please reply to this email confirming that the Honors College has no objections to this new course proposal?

Thank you,

Terje