

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approval

I = Information*

Course Number PSYC 120 or Degree Plan(s) _____

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

Include PSYC 120 in social sciences university Requirements

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

Change to a Course		COUNCIL**						
		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost
								President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I			I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I			I
3.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	I			A
4.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A			A
5.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I			I
6.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A			A
7.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I			I
8.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A	--			I
9.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A	A			A
10.	Cross list with another dept: U or G level	A	A	A	A			A
11.	Department of record	A	A	A	A			A
12.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A			A
13.	New course — See Adams Center for packet. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A			A

* Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

** In most cases, approval by only one council is necessary.

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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Change to a Degree Plan		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	COUNCIL			Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
					UGEC	UUAC	GRAD				
1.	University Requirements — Require or change a specific course from a menu within a degree plan	A	A	I		I		I	--	I	--
2.	University Requirements — Substitute an existing course for a university requirement within a degree plan	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add a course to or drop a course from the University Requirements	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--
5.	Major — Revision of major ♦ ‡	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	I
8.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	--
9.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A		I		I	--	I	--
	Minor — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--
10.	Degree — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	I
11.	Any change to a graduate degree program*	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--

♦ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

‡ Program or course changes applying only to a Teacher Education degree will be reviewed by the Teacher Education Council and then forwarded to the UUAC.

* All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

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Approval Chart for Academic Information Changes

Change to the Catalog		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees*	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
5.	Other academic policy changes	--	--	--		A		A	--	A	

* The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the seventeen items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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Department/School Chair(s)	
	3/29/12
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College Academic Council(s)	
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Dean(s)	
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Teacher Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

General Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Graduate Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Provost	
Signature	Approval date

Faculty	
Chair of faculty senate	Approval date

President	
Signature	Approval date

Social Science Criteria

Social Science courses should meet the following criteria:

1. Disciplines

- For the university requirements, the social science menu includes the following disciplines: anthropology, economics, family studies, geography, history, international studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.¹

2. Definition

A course in the social sciences will focus on human functioning including the basic assumptions about humans, their behaviors, and the dynamics of human interaction; the relationships between humans and their physical environment; the creation and interaction with institutions of power and governance, and/or the study of how people produce, distribute and consume goods and services. A course in the social sciences should involve the study of human functioning at the level of the individual, small group, institution, organization, community, or larger population. The course will address at least of the following:

- a. At the individual level, this course may involve the study of behavioral factors such as cognition, memory, language, perception, personality, emotion, motivation, and others;
- b. At higher levels of aggregation, this course may involve the study of social variables such as the structure and dynamics of small groups (e.g., couples, families, work groups, etc.); institutions and organizations (e.g., schools, religious organizations, etc.); communities (defined by geography or common interests); and larger demographic, political, economic, and cultural systems;
- c. This course may involve the study of the interactions within and between these levels of aggregation, such as the influence of sociocultural factors on cognitive processes and emotional responses or the reciprocal influence between small groups and larger communities;
- d. The course may focus on the interpretation of past practices or the history of human functioning over time.

3. Course Content

Courses that satisfy the requirements in Social Sciences should either:

- a. Introduce students to a particular discipline within the social sciences, with an emphasis on mastering its basic methodologies, terminology, key concepts, major research findings, and influential theories or
- b. Introduce students to a particular period of history with an emphasis on event timelines, historical biographies, and the critical debates associated with their interpretation.

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¹ The UGEC can consider requests from other disciplines.

Student Learning Outcomes for PSYC 120 *Introduction to Psychology*

ACU Catalog 2011 Course Description for PSYC 120:

A comprehensive survey of the science of psychology emphasizing human behavior. May be used to satisfy University Requirement.

L01: Research Methodologies in Psychology

Students will be able to differentiate between observational, correlational, and experimental designs used by psychologists and identify the benefits and limitations of each.

L02: Biological Foundations of Psychology

Students will be able to identify and describe the biological bases of behavior associated with behavioral genetics, neuronal functioning, and brain structures.

L03: Sensation, Perception and States of Consciousness

Students will be able to identify and describe the basic principles, major theories, and research concerning sensation, perception and states of consciousness.

L04: Cognition, Learning and Memory

Students will be able to identify and describe the basic principles, major theories, and research concerning learning, cognition and memory.

L05: Motivation and Emotion

Students will be able to identify and describe the basic principles, major theories, and research concerning motivation and emotion.

L06: Social, Developmental and Personality Psychology

Students will be able to identify and describe the basic principles, major theories, and research concerning personality and social psychology and how these develop across the lifespan.

L07: Psychopathology and Psychotherapy

Students will be able to identify and describe the symptomatology, etiology, and proposed treatments for the major categories of psychological disorders.