Memorandum

To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
From: William Gabrenya, Chair, Undergraduate Programs
Through: Mary Beth Kenkel, Dean of CoPaLA
Subject: Revision of Psychology Curricula (7141, 7144, 7146)
Date: March 20, 2008

The School of Psychology proposes to modify the research courses in its three undergraduate degrees (major codes 7141, 7144, 7146).

The research methods, statistics and computer literacy courses will be reconfigured to provide students with an integrated understanding of methods and data analysis in an efficient sequence that ties these concepts more closely together. Computer literacy will be enhanced through a modified version of Computer Science's CSE1301 that introduces more computer concepts than we currently teach in Psychology and tailors applied skills to those more relevant to the needs of a Psychology major without spending time on skills that students have already acquired.

The computer literacy and research methods courses will be completed by the end of the Sophomore year by most students and will become prerequisites for upper level Psychology courses beginning in 2009-10.

The total number of credits to graduate is unchanged and is the same in all majors,
Current and Proposed Research Courses in Psychology

Research and Computer Courses (10 credits)

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| 7144 (B.A.)                   |         |     |
| Psychology                    | 47      | 48  |
| Humanities & Social Science   | 18      | 18  |
| Communication                 | 21      | 21  |
| Math, Science, Computers      | 15      | 15  |
| Free Electives                | 19      | 18  |
| Total to graduate             | 120     | 120 |

| 7146 (Forensic B.A.)          |         |     |
| Psychology                    | 56      | 57  |
| Humanities & Social Science   | 12      | 12  |
| Communication                 | 21      | 21  |
| Math, Science, Computers      | 15      | 15  |
| Free Electives                | 16      | 15  |
| Total to graduate             | 120     | 120 |
The addition or removal of any graduation requirement in a major or minor requires that this form, accompanied by any supporting documentation, be completed and approved as indicated below.

COLLEGE Psychology and Liberal Arts

DEPARTMENT Psychology

DEGREE LEVEL Bachelor's

PROGRAM TITLE Bachelor or Sciences in Psychology (7141)

TO BE INITIATED WITH CATALOG YEAR 20.08 / 20.09

CHANGE REQUESTED FOR □ major program □ minor program

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED CHANGES Attach a more detailed description and any supporting documentation

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PSY2513 Research Methods and Statistics 2
CSE1301 Computer Literacy and Skills

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Chair, Graduate Council Date

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Department Head / Major Program Chair Date

Department Head / Minor Program Chair Date

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COLLEGE  Psychology and Liberal Arts  DEPARTMENT  Psychology

DEGREE LEVEL  Bachelors  PROGRAM TITLE  Bachelor or Arts in Forensic Psychology (7146)

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