Memo

To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
From: Vanessa Edkins
Date: 4/19/13
Re: Amending the Psychology Honors Program minimum requirements

In the March UGCC meeting, Psychology proposed that a line be added to undergraduate psychology student’s transcripts that recognize completion of the Psychology Honors Program. Concern was properly voiced that our current GPA standard upon graduation, as listed in the catalog, fell short of Florida Tech’s Honors standard. Specifically, Psychology Honors required, upon graduation, a 3.5 in Psychology, and a 3.2 overall; the university standard is 3.4 overall.

Attached please find a Change in Graduation Requirements form addressing the issue and changing the requirement to 3.4 overall, matching that of the university. Additionally, the new wording reflects the fact that students applying to the honors program may use PSY, PSF, and BEH courses to show the prerequisite12 earned credit hours in psychology (previously, BEH was missing from this list; BEH is the course prefix for Applied Behavior Analysis courses, under the ABA B.A., beginning Fall 2013). With the passing of this document, we would like to proceed in requesting that “Completed the Requirements for Psychology Honors Program” be added to psychology honors student’s transcripts.
The addition or removal of any graduation requirement in a major or minor requires that this form, accompanied by supporting documentation, be completed and approved as indicated below. Incomplete or incorrect forms will not be processed.

COLLEGE Psychology and Liberal Arts

DEPARTMENT Psychology

DEGREE LEVEL Bachelor's

PROGRAM TITLE Psychology Honors Program

TO BE INITIATED WITH CATALOG YEAR 2014 / 2015

CHANGE REQUESTED FOR [ ] major program [ ] minor program

Major/Minor Code

Date change to be initiated must be for a future academic year.

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

To a meet all Psychology Honors Program students: B.A. (7144); B.S. (7141); Forensic Psychology, B.A. (7145); and Applied Behavior Analysis, B.A. (7148).

Currently, the catalog reads (p. 162): "Applicants should have completed a minimum of 12 hours of psychology (PSY, PSF) courses with a GPA of 3.5 in those courses and a minimum overall GPA of 3.2." and "To earn the honors distinction, students must successfully complete the program with a graduating GPA of 3.5 in psychology and an overall GPA of 3.2."

We are requesting the following change: "Applicants should have completed a minimum of 12 hours of psychology (PSY, PSF, BEH) courses and have a minimum overall GPA of 3.4." and "To earn the honors distinction, students must successfully complete the program with a graduating GPA of 3.4 overall."

All other program requirements will remain the same.

Approvals: On completion of appropriate department approvals, submit form to Chair, Graduate Council, or Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, for approval below and forward to the Office of the Registrar.

Chair, Graduate Council

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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