

MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
January 13, 2023
MINUTES

Attendees: *Committee:* Matt Church, Paul Himes, Laura Moyer, Jason Sievers, Karl Swinehart, and Li Zeng; *Guests:* Marci DeCaro, Andrea Gaughan, Tricia Gray, and Jason Naylor

The meeting was convened via MS TEAMS at 2:00 PM and the December 6, 2022 (see Appendix A), minutes were approved.

Dr. Jason Sievers informed the Committee of curriculum changes since December 6th (Appendix A).

047-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the proposed changes to the core set of requirements for BS Applied Geography. Drs. Andrea Gaughan and Jason Naylor discussed having the same core set of requirements across all tracks and how the updated consistency more appropriately represents the linkages for geography and environmental sciences offerings for this degree. *Next step: Send to Bob Goldstein.*

048-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the new course: ENVS 376: Storm Observation Field Course. Dr. Jason Naylor informed the committee about how the course is designed to observe severe weather in the Great Plains of the United States and how most colleges and universities that offer a degree in meteorology have similar courses. *Next step: Send to Bob Goldstein.*

049-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the new course: POLS 672: Qualitative Research. Dr. Tricia Gray informed the committee this course is designed to introduce students to the principles and tools used to design and conduct qualitative research in political science. The course examines the nature of inference and explanation, research design, and conceptualization. *Next step: Remove old syllabus and send to Bob Goldstein.*

050-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the new course: PSYC 591: Graduate Psychology Research. Dr. Marci DeCaro informed the committee this course is needed for the new BS/MS degree program in Experimental Psychology. It is a 500-level independent study version of PSYC 491 which is needed for students enrolled in this specific degree program. *Next step: Update syllabus and send to Bob Goldstein.*

051-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the new course: PSYC 592: Graduate Psychology Research - CUE. Dr. Marci DeCaro informed the committee this course is needed for the new BS/MS degree program in Experimental Psychology. It is a 500-level version of PSYC 492-CUE which is needed for students enrolled in this specific degree program. It is an independent study class involving research on a focused topic in Psychology. *Next step: Update syllabus and send to Bob Goldstein.*

052-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the new course: PSYC 595: Honors Psychology Research. Dr. Marci DeCaro informed the committee this course is needed for the new BS/MS degree program in Experimental Psychology. It is a 500-level version of PSYC 495-HON which is needed for students enrolled in this specific degree program. This course is a first semester independent study class involving a hands-on research experience for Psychology Honors

students enrolled in the combined BS/MS degree program. *Next step: Update syllabus and send to Bob Goldstein.*

053-23S – The Committee **APPROVED** the new course: PSYC 596: Honors Psychology Thesis – WR; CUE. Dr. Marci DeCaro informed the committee this course is needed for the new BS/MS degree program in Experimental Psychology. It is a 500-level version of PSYC 496-HON which is needed for students enrolled in this specific degree program. This course is a second semester independent study class involving a hands-on research experience for Psychology Honors students enrolled in the combined BS/MS degree program. *Next step: Update syllabus and send to Bob Goldstein.*

COLLEGE AWARDS:

College awards was briefly discussed, and the Committee decided meet January 26th at 1 pm to determine the award winners for the Distinguished Faculty Award, Teaching Innovation, and Graduate Teaching Award.

- Distinguished Faculty Award, Dr. Jason Sievers will reach out to the nominators and have them send additional documentation.
- Graduate Teaching Award, the Committee has asked for an extension of January 22nd. Dr. Jason Sievers will reach out to Julie Wrinn and request the extension.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences: Curriculum Committee
January 13, 2023, 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM
MS TEAMS

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 6, 2022, Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Curriculum changes since December 6th (APPENDIX A)

NEW BUSINESS

047-23S – Proposed core set of requirements for BS Applied Geography

048-23S – New Course Proposal: ENVS 376: Storm Observation Field Course

049-23S – New Course Proposal: POLS 672: Qualitative Research

050-23S – New Course Proposal: PSYC 591: Graduate Psychology Research

051-23S – New Course Proposal: PSYC 592: Graduate Psychology Research - CUE

052-23S – New Course Proposal: PSYC 595: Honors Psychology Research

053-23S – New Course Proposal: PSYC 596: Honors Psychology Thesis – WR; CUE

COLLEGE AWARDS:

- Distinguished Teaching,
- Teaching Innovation, and
- Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching awards.

Appendix A
Course Changes Since 12.6.22

Course	Change	Justification
GEOG 525 : Measuring Sustainability: Our Human Planet	Revised Title	This course will facilitate student understanding of what the term sustainability means and how to measure and monitoring goals associated with different sustainability benchmarks. Emphasis is placed on thinking about those measures over space and time. Reason: Revised Title and Description to better reflect course content
GEOG 545 : Unoccupied Unmanned Aerial Systems and Geospatial Applications	Revised Title	This course introduces unoccupied aerial system (UAS) technology, application and the underlying principles of remote sensing and photogrammetry that inform the utilization of UAS data in geographical/environmental research. Revised Title and Description to better reflect correct terminology
PSYC 318 : Forensic Psychology	Updating course number, description, and prerequisite	Updating course number, description, and prereqs to fit Psychology department's 300 level course numbering system. (Course had not been offered in many years and was never updated.)
PSYC 433 : Music Perception and Cognition - CUE	prerequisite	instructor requested removal of PSYC 331 prerequisite
PSYC 641 : Psychopharmacology	Course Inactivation	Course has not been taught for a very long time and there are no plans to resume.
PSYC 648 : Methods of Psychopharmacology	Course Inactivation	Course has not been taught for a very long time and there are no plans to resume.
PSYC 655 : Law and Psychology	Course Inactivation	Course has not been taught for a very long time and there are no plans to resume.
PSYC 656 : Professional and Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology	Revised Title and Description	The change in the course title and description more accurately reflects the course content, which has been updated. The updated course content is consistent with updates to the clinical psychology doctoral program requirements.
PSYC 674 : Organizational Psychology	Course Inactivation	Course has not been taught for a very long time and there are no plans to resume.
PSYC 676 : Psychology of Sex Differences	Course Inactivation	Course has not been taught for a very long time and there are no plans to resume.
PSYC 683 : Clinical Research and Psychological Interventions	Revised Title and Description	The course title has been changed to more accurately reflect the course content. The previous course was considered part of a two course series (with Psyc 684) and these courses now reflect different content and are offered in a different sequence.
PSYC 684 : Psychological Interventions	Revised Title	Course content adapted to changes in clinical psychology doctoral program requirements. Previous course was part of a two course series (Intervention I and Intervention II) and these courses now reflect different content and are independent. The changed course title more accurately reflects this content.