Proposed Admission Criteria for Psychology effective Fall 2012

Currently, students who apply to become Psychology majors are required to have a grade of C- or better in our B103 (1cr) Orientation to a Major in Psychology and B104 (3) Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science and a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. We are requesting to add our other introductory course B105 (3) Introduction to Psychology as a Biological Science with a minimum grade of a C- as another prerequisite to be accepted as a Psychology Major.

The logic behind this request is to make sure our students have the opportunity to explore the biological study of our discipline prior to making the decision to apply as a major. We believe this helps students to be better informed in the diverse areas of study required for a bachelor’s degree in Psychology. At times, students have difficulty getting the minimum grade in the B105 course and they may delay enrolling in this foundation course. Adding this requirement provides students with a structure that ensures students will have the foundation courses needed for their next level of courses.