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Change prerequisite for PSYC 412

Effective: Fall 2013

1. Delete: On page 261, the prerequisite for **PSYC 412, Senior Seminar in Psychology:**

Prerequisites: Senior standing and 24 hours in Psychology. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 261, in place of deleted entry:

Prerequisites: Minimum of 85 earned hours, to include 24 hours in Psychology.
Fall and Spring.

Impact: The goal of this change is to reduce the number of students who urgently require PSYC 412 to graduate in their final semester, and to reduce continuous over-enrollment of the course. By requiring completion of 85 hours prior to enrollment in PSYC 412, we can better predict enrollment patterns and consequently stabilize staffing patterns, exclude juniors from taking the course too early, ensure that graduating seniors can enroll in the class with certainty, and discontinue the practice of over-enrolling the course every semester, which is not fair to students or faculty.

Rationale: Based on enrollment patterns thus far, the Psychology Department must offer 4 sections of PSYC 412 in the fall semester and between 5-6 sections in the spring, accommodating 90-100 graduating seniors every academic year. Enrollment in PSYC 412 is deliberately capped at 12-15 students depending upon the type of seminar offered, and the department would like to keep its commitment to offer a small, seminar-style senior capstone experience. In order to do this, we need to better control enrollment and staffing in this course, as we do not have unlimited staffing resources.