

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 27**                      **Change Listing of Lab Courses for Major and Minor in Psychology;  
Change in Procedure for Declaration of Major in Psychology**

**Effective Date: Fall 2014**

- 1. Delete:** On page 252 under **Major in Psychology**, item I:
  - I. Required courses in the major – 36 hours, including PSYC 100, 201, 202, 412; three courses from PSYC 200, 208, 214, 216, 290; two courses from the following 4-hour lab courses: 329, 332, 334, 342, 362, 366; 6 additional hours of non-laboratory courses at the 300-400 level.
- Add:** On page 252, in place of deleted entry:
  - I. Required courses in the major – 36 hours, including PSYC 100, 201, 202, 412; three courses from PSYC 200, 208, 214, 216, 290; two courses from the following 4-hour lab courses: 329, 334, 342, 343, 347, 362; 6 additional hours of non-laboratory courses at the 300-400 level.

**Impact:** This is a course substitution only, and all major requirements remain the same.

**Rationale:** This change is necessitated by new lab courses being added to the curriculum.

- 2. Delete:** On page 252 under **Minor in Psychology**, item III:
  - III. one course from PSYC 329, 332, 334, 342, 362, or 366 for the 4-credit laboratory course requirement;
- Add:** On page 252, in place of deleted entry:
  - III. one course from PSYC 329, 334, 342, 343, 347 or 362 for the 4-credit laboratory course requirement;

**Impact:** This is a course substitution only, and all minor requirements remain the same.

**Rationale:** This change is necessitated by new lab courses being added to the curriculum.

**3. Delete:** On page 252, under **Declaration of Major in Psychology**, item III:

III. obtained a signed Declaration of Major form from the chair of the Psychology Department.

**Add:** On page 252, in place of deleted entry:

III. met individually with the chair of the Psychology Department to review departmental expectations for majors, and obtained a signed Declaration of Major form from the chair.

**Impact:** This change will increase the length of time required for a student to declare a major in Psychology and require an in-person meeting with the chair. It will impact the daily/weekly schedule of the chair, but will not require any additional changes in staffing or resources.

**Rationale:** The Psychology Department has been seeking a means by which we can more uniformly orient new majors to the culture of the department, while discouraging those students from declaring who are not a good fit for the major. In that spirit, the Chair has developed a written “contract” for potential majors concerning departmental expectations, which will be reviewed and signed by each student prior to major declaration and in a face-to-face meeting. We recognize that this “contract” will not be strictly enforceable as described, but we hope it will allow us to explicitly convey departmental expectations for majors early in their major career, and that it will improve students’ ability to more deliberately assess the selection of psychology as a major.