CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

COURSE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Courses must be submitted by October 15, 2010, and finalized by the end of the fall semester to make the next catalog (2011-12) production

DATE (CHANGE DATE EACH TIME REVISED): OCTOBER 14, 2010; REV 12.14.10

PROGRAM AREA(S): PSYCHOLOGY

Directions: All of sections of this form must be completed for course modifications. Use YELLOWED areas to enter data. All documents are stand alone sources of course information.

1. Course Information.
   [Follow accepted catalog format.] (Add additional prefixes if cross-listed)

   OLD
   Prefix PSY  Course# 301  Title PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL METHODS II
   Units (3)
   2 hours lecture per week
   2 hours activity per week
   X Prerequisites: PSY 300
   Consent of Instructor Required for Enrollment
   Corequisites:
   Catalog Description (Do not use any symbols): A continuation of PSY 300. Advanced research methodology and within the empirical framework in the behavioral sciences. Topics include how to apply the scientific method within the field of psychology and the social sciences, ethical guidelines and issues related to the research in, and practice of, psychology, how to evaluate research and popular claims in psychology with a critical eye, and computer applications related to statistics and research. Coursework on inferential and descriptive statistical methods will build on material from PSY 300.

   NEW
   Prefix PSY  Course# 301  Title PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL METHODS II
   Units (4)
   3 hours lecture per week
   2 hours activity per week
   X Prerequisites: PSY 300
   Consent of Instructor Required for Enrollment
   Corequisites:
   Catalog Description (Do not use any symbols): A continuation of PSY 300. Advanced research methodology and within the empirical framework in the behavioral sciences. Topics include how to apply the scientific method within the field of psychology and the social sciences, ethical guidelines and issues related to the research in, and practice of, psychology, how to evaluate research and popular claims in psychology with a critical eye, and computer applications related to statistics and research. Coursework on inferential and descriptive statistical methods will build on material from PSY 300.

General Education Categories
   CR/NC
   Repeatable for up to ___ units
   Total Completions

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   Course Level:
   X Undergraduate
   Post-bac/Credential
   Graduate

   X Optional
   (Student’s choice)

   Multiple Enrollment in same semester

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2. Mode of Instruction (Hours per Unit are defaulted)

   Existing

   Hegis Code(s) (Provided by the Dean)

   Proposed

   CS No. (filled out by Dean)
3. Course Attributes:

General Education Categories: All courses with GE category notations (including deletions) must be submitted to the GE website: [http://summit.csuci.edu/geapproval](http://summit.csuci.edu/geapproval). Upon completion, the GE Committee will forward your documents to the Curriculum Committee for further processing.

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)
- A-1 Oral Communication
- A-2 English Writing
- A-3 Critical Thinking

B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)
- B-1 Physical Sciences
- B-2 Life Sciences – Biology
- B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications
- B-4 Computers and Information Technology

C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)
- C-1 Art
- C-2 Literature Courses
- C-3a Language
- C-3b Multicultural

D (Social Perspectives)

E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)
UDIGE/INTD Interdisciplinary

Meets University Writing Requirement
Meets University Language Requirement

American Institutions, Title V Section 40404:
- Government
- US Constitution
- US History

Refer to website, Exec Order 405, for more information: [http://senate.csuci.edu/comm/curriculum/resources.htm](http://senate.csuci.edu/comm/curriculum/resources.htm)

Service Learning Course (Approval from the Center for Community Engagement must be received before you can request this course attribute).

4. Justification and Requirements for the Course. [Make a brief statement to justify the need for the course]

OLD
This is a required course for Psychology majors. In this course, students will develop the collaborative, research, and writing skills needed to conduct and present an original, ethical psychological experiment.

X Requirement for the Major/Minor
Elective for the Major/Minor
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Submit Program Modification if this course changes your program.

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5. Student Learning Outcomes. (List in numerical order. You may wish to visit resource information at the following website: [http://senate.csuci.edu/comm/curriculum/resources.htm](http://senate.csuci.edu/comm/curriculum/resources.htm))

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

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5. Design and conduct a well-controlled experiment.
6. Identify which statistical analyses are appropriate for various experimental designs.
7. Use statistical software (SPSS) to analyze data.
8. Interpret and draw conclusions from descriptive and inferential statistical analyses.
9. Apply the experimental method to answer questions about behavior through participation in laboratory exercises and experiments.
10. Develop necessary skills for an efficient review of the psychological literature using a computerized index (PsycInfo).
11. Prepare written reports according to the stylistic conventions of the American Psychological Association.

6. **Course Content in Outline Form.** (Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary)

   **OLD**
   - Need for quantitative methods in science in general and psychology in specific
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   Does this course content overlap with a course offered in your academic program? Yes ☑ No X
   If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap. ☐

   Does this course content overlap a course offered in another academic area? Yes ☑ No X
   If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap. ☐

   Overlapping courses require Chairs’ signatures.

7. **Cross-listed Courses** (Please note each prefix in item No. 1)
   - A. List cross-listed courses (Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required).
   - B. List each cross-listed prefix for the course: ☐
   - C. Program responsible for staffing: ☐

8. **References.** [Provide 3-5 references]
   **OLD**

9.  Tenure Track Faculty qualified to teach this course.  
All Psychology tenure track faculty  

10.  Requested Effective Date or First Semester offered:  Fall 2011  

11.  New Resource Requested:  Yes [ ]  No X  
If YES, list the resources needed.  

A.  Computer Needs (data processing, audio visual, broadcasting, other equipment, etc.)  

B.  Library Needs (streaming media, video hosting, databases, exhibit space, etc.)  

C.  Facility/Space/Transportation Needs:  

D.  Lab Fee Requested:  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  ( Refer to the Dean’s Office for additional processing)  
E.  Other. [ ]

12.  Indicate Changes and Justification for Each.  [Check all that apply and follow with justification.  Be as brief as possible but, use as much space as necessary.]  

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Justification:

1.  In the proposed course modification, we request to increase the number of units for the lecture section from 3 units (2 hours) to 4 units (3 hours). The existing two-hour lecture per week does not provide sufficient time to cover the vast research methodologies as well as statistical concepts and applications that are typically found in upper division Research and Statistical Methods courses. More importantly, in order to meet the learning outcomes for this course, students are required to become proficient in the following main areas: (a) statistical computations; (b) application of statistics and research methods to create empirical studies; (c) critically review and evaluate research in the field to produce better study designs; (d) write a research proposal; (e) present findings; and (d) write a research manuscript. This type of activity-based learning technique, coupled with the rigorousness of the materials, would necessitate three hours or more of course lecture time. As stated in Item #6, only the mode of delivery and not the content of the course will be modified for this proposal.  

2.  The catalog description will be revised to match the above-mentioned modification. No other changes will be made.  

13.  Will this course modification alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program?  Yes [ ]  No X  
If, YES attach a program update or program modification form for all programs affected.  
Priority deadline for New Minors and Programs:  October 4, 2010 of preceding year.  
Priority deadline for Course Proposals and Modifications:  October 15, 2010.  
Last day to submit forms to be considered during the current academic year:  April 15th.  

Kimmy Kee-Rose  
October 14,
Harley Baker
Kevin Volkan

Proposer(s) of Course Modification
Type in name. Signatures will be collected after Curriculum approval.

2010

Date
## Approval Sheet

**Course:**

If your course has a General Education Component or involves Center affiliation, the Center will also sign off during the approval process.

Multiple Chair fields are available for cross-listed courses.

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