


SENATE POLICY 23-11

Motion: to establish the MA degree in Psychology

Passed at the February 13, 2024, meeting of the University Academic Senate

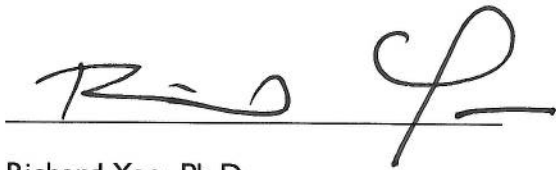
Approvals:



Jason E. Miller, Ph.D.
Chair, Academic Senate

2/14/24

Date



Richard Yao, Ph.D.
President

3/7/24

Date

Psychology, M.A. - 32 units

2b. Long Form - New Program Curriculum Proposal

General Catalog Information

- Program
- * Shared Core

- * Behavioral & Social Sciences Local Curriculum Committee

- * Psychology

- State Side
- * Self Supported = Extended University

- * Undergraduate Graduate

- * Psychology, M.A. - 32 units

* The Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Psychology at CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) offers an innovative advanced degree program for students interested in pursuing doctoral study in psychology or a research-based career. Student training will emphasize breadth of knowledge in psychological theories and research, along with advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies for application to research questions and real-world problems. The program provides the opportunity to work closely with faculty on a thesis project or with community partners on an internship. Intensive training in statistical analysis is another hallmark of the program. These opportunities will ensure that students graduate with the skills needed to transition successfully to their careers or a doctoral program.

The program meets institutional learning objectives by training graduate students who have knowledge of theories that can help explain issues affecting human society, as well as the analytical skills to support data-driven understanding of these issues. Students will also gain experience with effective communication of complex issues and how to address problems. The program develops independent research skills through participation in an internship-based experience or through a thesis. As such, the program supports all aspects of the CSUCI mission.

The program is being offered at this time in order to help meet the demand for employees with strong analytical and communication skills. Ventura County has various private and public sector employers who would benefit from potential employees who are trained in quantitative and qualitative research, including the U.S. Navy, local education districts, social service agencies, hospitals, and bio-pharmaceutical companies. These organizations have a need for employees with the skills required to complete assessments, conduct surveys, conduct user experience research, and conduct market research. Currently, the only options for graduate study in psychology in the county are private universities that leave students highly indebted. By offering this degree, CSUCI can provide effective training under close supervision by faculty to allow students access to careers involving assessment, statistics, and data science. These are careers with high growth potential according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/math/data-scientists.htm> and <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/math/mathematicians-and-statisticians.htm>). The degree will also help prepare students for entry to a doctoral program in psychology by allowing them the option of completing a thesis.

* Fall

* 2025

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Required Courses - 17 units

PSY 501 Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology

PSY 504 Psychometrics

PSY 505 Program Evaluation

PSY 511 Multivariate Analysis

PSY 523 Teaching of Psychology

Culminating Experience - 6 units

Students will complete either an internship (6 units of PSY 598A & 598B) or a thesis (6 units of PSY 599A & 599B).

PSY 598A Internship Project I

PSY 598B Internship Project II

[After] or

PSY 599A Thesis I

PSY 599B Thesis II

Electives - 9 units

Students must complete 9 units selected from the graduate level courses offered by the Psychology department, or related fields outside of Psychology with approval of the graduate advisor.

PSY 503 Advanced Social Psychology

PSY 520 Advanced Developmental Psychology

PSY 521 Seminar in Cognition

PSY 522 Industrial/Organizational Psychology

* A bachelor's degree in psychology (B.A. or B.S.) from an accredited four-year college or university, or a bachelor's degree in other scientific fields such as biology or cognitive science.

Applicants should have a 3.0 minimum GPA in psychology coursework, but 2.5 - 2.99 GPAs may be considered if students can provide other evidence of ability to succeed in program, such as strong research experience and letters of recommendation.

Non-psychology majors may be admitted conditionally, but will be required to complete the Psychology coursework below with a grade of C or better:

- PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology
- PSY 202 - Biostatistics or Introductory Statistics
- PSY 300 - and PSY 301 - Psychological Research and Statistical Methods I and II (or an equivalent research design course and an intermediate statistics course)

Applicants may use graduate courses completed with a grade of B or better to meet the required coursework for admissions.

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- Graduate application and fee (\$70)
- Unofficial transcript from all degree-granting institutions attended (official transcript from the highest degree-granting institution will be required at admittance).
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- 500-word statement of purpose addressing their educational background, including research experience (if any), research interests in psychology they would like to pursue in a master's program, and career goals. Personal experiences (such as applied work experience) and other information relevant to their preparation and career goals should also be included. Applicants may also wish to identify a faculty advisor of interest.
- Three recommendation letters. At least two recommenders should preferably be psychology faculty members, but letters from other discipline faculty are accepted. Each recommender should be familiar with your academic career.
- General GRE scores are optional. The Psychology subject test is not required.

- International applicants whose native language is not English will also need to demonstrate evidence of English language proficiency. The following official test results are accepted:

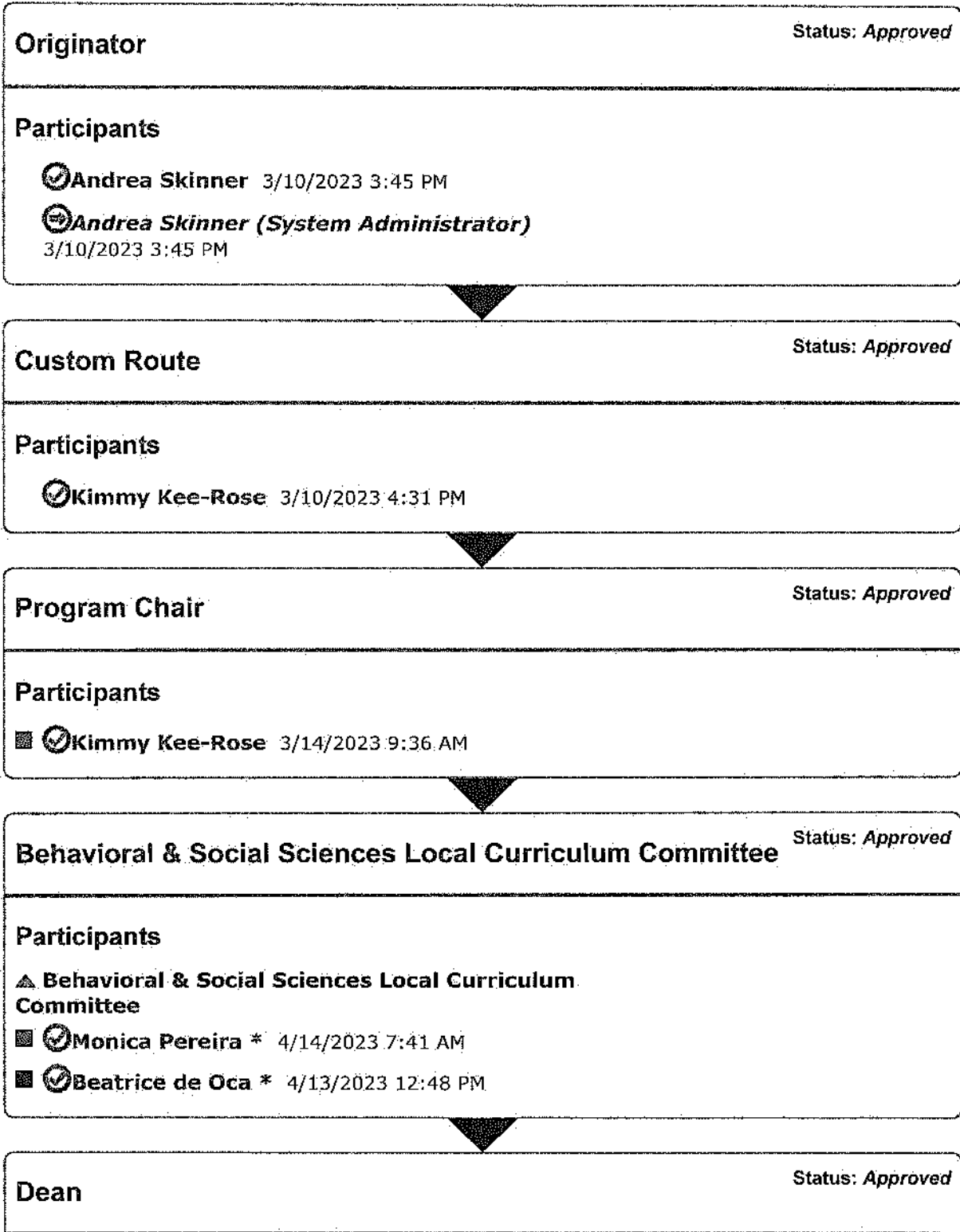
- TOEFL, Paper-based Test minimum: 550
- TOEFL, Internet-based Test (iBT) minimum: 80*
- IELTS minimum band score: 6 for each subsection
- PTE - Pearson's Test of English score: 56
- Duolingo English Test score: 105

*MyBest scores are acceptable, if they are drawn from all valid test scores within a two-year period.

English language requirements may be waived for international applicants who meet one of the following conditions:

- Obtained a bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S. regionally-accredited institution.
- Graduated from, and completed at least three years at, a U.S. high school.
- Educated in a country where English is employed as their official language in educational settings.

Steps for Psychology, M.A. - 32 units



Participants

- Philip Hampton 4/19/2023 4:29 PM

Articulation & Curriculum Status: *Approved*

Participants

- Blake Buller 8/30/2023 1:39 PM
- Kristen Dobson 8/31/2023 2:52 PM
- Andrea Skinner 10/27/2023 2:22 PM

Academic Senate Status: *Working*

Participants

- Jason Miller

Provost Status: *Incomplete*

Participants

- Mitch Avila

President Status: *Incomplete*

Participants

- Richard Yao

Attachments for Psychology, M.A. - 32 units

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Signatures for Psychology, M.A. - 32 units

There are no signatures required on this proposal.

Crosslistings for Psychology, M.A. - 32 units

Psychology, M.A. - 32 units (parent proposal)

This proposal does not have any active crosslisted proposals.

Decision Summary for Psychology, M.A. - 32 units

Academic Senate	Status: <i>Working</i>
Step Summary This step requires 100% approval from all participants to move forward.	
Participants	Totals
<input type="radio"/> Jason Miller	Users Approved: 0 Users Rejected: 0