

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Proposed effective term:

Semester Year

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program
Name of New or Existing Program * PhD Psychology Concentration Health Psychology
Select Category Degree Type
Select Action

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[Health Psychology Concentration.docx](#)

Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request * (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

[Concentration Change Justification.docx](#)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.*

[Justification, Budget Analysis, etc. for Health concentration.docx](#)

REVISED VERSION, AS IT WOULD APPEAR IN THE CATALOG:

Health Psychology Concentration

Beyond the departmental required courses, Health Psychology students will be required to complete three courses from Category A, two courses from Category B, and one advanced statistics/quantitative course from Psychology or Education (e.g., EDPY593: Multilevel Modeling or EDPY 606: Structural Equation Modeling) . A substitute advanced statistics/quantitative course must be approved by the Health Psychology Committee. One of the Category A courses must be Advanced Health Psychology.

Category A:

PSY 512	Advanced Health Psychology (required)
PSY 513	Emotion, Stress, and Health
PSY 514	Health Psychology Interventions
PSY 515	Social Psychology of Health Promotion
PSY 650	Special Topics in Health Disparities
PSY 650	Special Topics in Pediatric Psychology

Category B:

PSY 540	Biological Bases of Behavior
PSY 547	Drugs and Behavior
PH 501	Principles of Public Health
PH 504	Rural Health
PH 505	Social and Cultural Theories and Models: Community Interventions
PH 507	Health Care Systems
PH 562	Women's Health Issues

Substitute coursework for Categories A and B must be approved by the Health Psychology Committee.

Current Catalog Entry for Concentration:

Health Psychology Concentration

Beyond the departmental required courses Health Psychology students will be required to complete three courses from Category A and two courses from Category B.

Required courses:

PSY 512 Advanced Health Psychology
PSY 513 Emotion and Health
PSY 514 Health Psychology Interventions

Category A:

PSY 512 Advanced Health Psychology
PSY 513 Emotion and Health
PSY 514 Health Psychology Interventions
PSY 515 Social Psychology of Health Promotion

Category B:

PSY 530 Alcoholism
PSY 532 Seminar in Psychopathology
PSY 547 Drugs and Behavior Public Health Courses
PH 501 Principles of Public Health
PH 504 Rural Health
PH 505 Cultural, Social and Behavioral Theory and Health
PH 507 Health Care Systems
PH 562 Women's Health Issues

Reasons for Requests:

Beyond the current Psychology Department required statistics sequence completed in the first year, the Health Psychology Area has determined that at least one (additional) advanced statistics/quantitative course is required to make a Health Psychology major competitive in today's academic and research markets. Most Health Psychology students will be advised to complete additional statistics/quantitative coursework beyond what we are currently requiring and proposing.

We would like to add Health Disparities, a 650 Special Topics course to Category A, as it is an important content area to be addressed in our diverse culture; and Dr. Steven Verney, a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow and Health Psychology Committee member, is interested in teaching this course.

We would like to add Pediatric Psychology, a 650 seminar course, to category A, as it represents an important specialty area within Health Psychology; and Dr. Sarah Erickson, Health Psychology Area Chair, is interested in teaching this course.

We would like to add Biological Bases of Behavior to Category B, as this is an important health psychology content area and is currently taught by Dr. Derek Hamilton, Area Chair for Cognition, Brain, and Behavior.

We would like to omit Alcoholism from Category B. It is no longer a graduate level course.

We would like to omit Seminar in Psychopathology from Category B. It is a Clinical Area core course and was mistakenly included in the Health Psychology requirements.

Justification for the program, impact on long-term planning, detailed budget analysis, and faculty workload implications:

The Health Psychology Concentration already exists. We would like to make modifications to the degree requirements and course offerings based on our assessment of student needs, and current faculty's expanding areas of expertise.

Long-range planning includes a plan to offer almost all Category A courses alternate years (with the exception of Pediatric Psychology; and possibly Social Psychology of Health Promotion and Health Disparities). We have identified core Health Psychology Area faculty to teach each of these Category A courses; and have secured their interest and willingness. The Category A courses will be offered and sequenced so that students will not be burdened with multiple courses per semester, but rather with one or two course offerings per semester.

Category B courses are already being offered routinely through Psychology or Public Health faculty.

Detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications: Each of the Health Psychology Area faculty currently teach 2 courses/semester (with the exception of up to one course/semester grant or other administrative buyout). These faculty are therefore able to cover these proposed courses at no additional cost to the Department, as their teaching of these courses will be part of their load (not additional). Many of the Health Psychology faculty are already teaching, as part of their course load, these courses or equivalent ones, so we do not anticipate any financial or workload implications.