

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Proposed effective term:

Semester Year

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program
Name of New or Existing Program * Psychology Graduate Program Admissions
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)

[GRE Description.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)

See attached
[GRE Reason.docx](#)

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

[GRE Justification.docx](#)

New catalog wording:

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores are required as part of the application procedure. The GRE Psychology Subject test, although strongly recommended, is not required as part of the application procedure.

Current catalog wording:

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, including the Psychology Subject Test, are required as part of the application procedure.

Reason for eliminating requirement for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Psychology Subject test

At present the Department of Psychology requires the GRE Psychology Subject test as part of the application process for the PhD program. However, in practice we waive the requirement for anyone who asks and even for some applicants who do not request a waiver. Having the requirement we may be discouraging a subset of quality students from applying as most other programs do not require the Psychology Subject test and, therefore, many students choose not to take it. Of 12 comparison programs randomly selected, only two actually require it, Colorado and the UCSE/SJSU joint clinical program. Colorado State requires it but only for applicants with a non-Psychology undergraduate major, and UCLA requires it but only for clinical applicants. The other eight programs, ASU, Montana, Washington University in Saint Louis, Washington State University, University of Washington, University of Oklahoma, UCSD, USC, explicitly say the Psychology Subject test is not required. Additionally, the Psychology Subject test is offered infrequently and many applicants have discovered the requirement too late to take the test prior to the application deadline.

Justification for eliminating requirement for GRE Subject test

At present the department may be losing on several highly qualified applicants to our program because of the subject test requirement. Eliminating this requirement will ease and simplify the application process.

There is no impact on long-range planning and this will cause no change in faculty workloads.