

◀ PhD Psych - Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

CON Evol Psyc Evolution and Society

Under Review | Fall 2025

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Submitted for Approval | Proposer

✓ Debra Nieto | 11/08/2024 9:15 AM

Department Chair Pre-Approval, Psychology

Approved | Department Chair

✓ Derek Hamilton | 11/11/2024 10:31 AM

Registrar Office Technical Check Approval, Registrar Technical Check

Sent Back | Registrar Technical Check

← Michael Raine

Hi Debra. It looks like you need to submit a Program Proposal to make these changes--not a concentration proposal. If there aren't any concentration changes, you should delete this proposal and submit the PHD Psyc program changes instead.

11/11/2024 10:38 AM

— Maggie Sumruld

Form Submission, Proposer

Submitted for Approval | Proposer

Debra Nieto

Department Chair Pre-Approval

Skipped

→ Michael Raine

Returning form to Reg Tech check for approval.

11/11/2024 1:23 PM

Registrar Office Technical Check Approval, Registrar Technical Check

Approved | Registrar Technical Check

✓ Michael Raine | 11/11/2024 1:23 PM

— Maggie Sumruld

College/School Dean Approval, College of Arts & Sciences: Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Approved | College or School approver

✓ Peter Fawcett | 12/03/2024 11:52 AM

Library Approval, Main Campus Library

Approved | Library Approval

✓ Sever Bordeianu | 12/03/2024 5:11 PM

SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee

Approved | Chair

✓ Robben Brown | 3/06/2025 10:13 AM

FSCC Member notification, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Notification Sent | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Member

- ☒ Antoinette Abeyta
- ☒ Joe Anderson
- ☒ Randi Archuleta
- ☒ Laura Belmonte
- ☒ Justin Bendell
- ☒ Isabella Goss
- ☒ Sara Ice
- ☒ Megan Jacobs
- ☒ Joan Lucas
- ☒ Justine Ponce
- ☒ Mary Rice
- ☒ John Russell
- ☒ Jennifer Schneider
- ☒ Julia So
- ☒ SueNoell Stone
- ☒ Jonathan Wheeler

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Approval, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Approved | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

- Janet Vassilev
- ✓ Nicole Capehart

FSCC voted to approve.

5/02/2025 10:31 AM

Provost Approval, Main Campus Provost

Approved | Provost

✓ Pamela Cheek | 5/19/2025 12:04 PM

Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

Nancy Middlebrook
Theresa Sherman

Registrar Office Final Approval/Processing, Registrar

Approval | Registrar final approval

Michael Raine
Maggie Sumruld

Notification, Proposer

Notification | Proposer

Debra Nieto

EMRT notification, EMRT users

Notification | EMRT user

Enrollment Mgt Reporting Team

Lobotrax notification, LoboTrax Team

Notification | LoboTrax Staff

Sherri DeLeve
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Changes

- Concentration Title
- Degree Hours
- Degree Requirements
- participants
- Concentration Description

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Proposal Information

Proposed

Sponsoring faculty/staff member ⓘ

Debra Nieto

Existing

Sponsoring faculty/staff member ⓘ

Derek Hamilton

Proposed

College

College of Arts & Sciences:
Natural Sciences &
Mathematics

Department

Psychology

Proposed

Sponsoring faculty/staff email

nieto@unm.edu

Existing

Sponsoring faculty/staff email

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Campus

Main Campus

Existing

College

College of Arts & Sciences

Effective Term and Year

Proposed

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2025

Existing

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2023

Justification

Proposed

Concentration Justification

This request is to update the name and descriptive text of our Evolutionary Psychology concentration. No curricular updates are being proposed.

Existing

Concentration Justification

This is a non-curriculum update, no changes are being made to program requirements. We are adding descriptive information.

Associated Forms

Select any associated Kuali course forms that exist

Select any associated Kuali program forms that exist

Document uploads

Program Information

Degree Name

PhD Psych - Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Degree Type

Doctor of Philosophy

Program Type

Doctoral

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Proposed

Degree Hours

64-66

Minimum Major Hours

Existing

Degree Hours

66

Degree Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - PSYC501 - Advanced Statistics (3)
 - PSYC503L - Advanced Statistics Laboratory (1)
 - ~~PSYC505 - Research Seminar (2)~~
 - ~~PSYC551 - Graduate Problems (1 - 3)~~
 - PSYC502 - Design and Analysis of Experiments (3)
 - PSYC504L - Design and Analysis of Experiments Laboratory (1)
 - **PSYC505 - Research Seminar (2)**
 - **PSYC507 - Teaching Seminar (2)**
 - PSYC551 - Graduate Problems (1 - 3)
 - ~~PSYC507 - Teaching Seminar (2)~~
 - ~~Earn at least 18 credits from the following:~~
 - ~~PSYC699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)~~
 - **Earn at least 33 credits from the following types of courses:**
Concentration requirements and electives.
 - ~~Earn at least 34 credits from the following types of courses:~~
~~Concentration and electives.~~
 - **Earn at least 18 credits from the following:**
 - **PSYC699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)**

Grand Total Credits: 64 - 66

Concentration Information

Proposed

Concentration Title

Evolution and Society

Existing

Concentration Title

Evolutionary Psychology

Program Level

Graduate

Concentration Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following types of courses:
PSYC 650 ST: Evolutionary Psychology
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following types of courses:
At least one course must be offered in the Department of Psychology. Appropriate courses include PSYC 650 ST: Behavior Genetics, PSYC 650 ST: Evolution and Cognition, and PSYC 650 ST: Evolutionary Social Psychology. At least two of these courses should be taken in the Department of Biology or the Department of Anthropology. Appropriate courses include: ANTH 560 Advanced Topics in Evolutionary Anthropology ANTH

Grand Total Credits: 15

Proposed

Concentration Description

Students in our Ph.D. Program in Evolution & Society (E&S) study the evolutionary origins of human nature and human societies, using an interdisciplinary perspective that integrates evolutionary biology, evolutionary anthropology, and evolutionary psychology. We are also guided by research on evolutionary genetics, behavior genetics, evolutionary game theory, life history theory, animal behavior, individual differences (e.g. personality traits, intelligence, neurodiversity, mental disorders), and other relevant theoretical and empirical research. Students and faculty examine how such insights from evolutionary theory can be applied towards understanding and addressing pressing societal-level problems, such as global catastrophic risks (e.g. from nuclear weapons, bioweapons, and artificial intelligence), decreased fertility and demographic collapse, worse mental health among young adults, political polarization, and threats to academic freedom. Thus, individuals in the E & S area leverage the principles of natural, sexual, and social selection to examine and generate solutions for threats to the existence, cooperation, health, and well-being of humanity.

E&S faculty and graduate students examine a wide range of basic and applied research topics, such as social and sexual selection, mate choice, human sexuality, polyamory, women's intrasexual competition and cooperation, friendships, pain perception, stress responses, consumer behavior and marketing, moral and political psychology, virtue signaling, biases in social and moral evaluations, psychoactive drugs, Effective Altruism, and AI safety. Given the emphasis on addressing societal issues, E&S faculty value and engage in popular science outreach, including books, videos, public lectures, social media, podcasts, consulting, and policy. The E&S program strongly supports academic freedom and viewpoint diversity by welcoming a wide range of political, religious, and moral perspectives.

Graduate courses in E&S cover diverse topics such as human emotions, intelligence, altruism, alternative relationships, psychology and AI, morality, political psychology, and cannabis health research. E&S students are also expected to take courses in the biology and/or anthropology departments, and are strongly encouraged to take the quantitative/methodology emphasis.

Existing

Concentration Description

Students in our Ph.D. Program in Evolution & Development typically focus on evolutionary psychology (e.g. mate choice, ovulatory cycle effects, hormonal influences, social influences on pain) or early childhood development (e.g. development of identity understanding, emotional development). Graduate seminars cover diverse topics such as advanced evolutionary psychology, advanced social psychology, advanced developmental psychology, social development, child psychopathology, human emotions, behavior genetics, and personality.

Registrar Office Only

CM Concentration Code

CON Evol Psyc

Catalog

Main Campus

Catalog Activation Date

07/31/23

Notes

BANP

Concentration Code

