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Kendra Cochrane has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: klhash@wsu.edu.

Requested change: Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

Degree: M.S. Experimental Psychology

Title: Thesis

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2022

Revise plan requirement: Yes

Dean: Swindell, Samantha - Assoc Dean - CAS,

Chair: Marcus, David – Chair – Psychology,

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David Marcus

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2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.
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From: [Swindell, Samantha](#)
To: [curriculum.submit](#); [Marcus, David](#)
Subject: RE: 637716 Psychology Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:23:26 AM

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TO: The Graduate School

FROM: Renee Magnan, Director, Experimental Psychology PhD program *Renee E. Magnan*

DATE: March 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Request to change course requirements for MS in experimental psychology

We are requesting to change the required number of core courses for the MS in Experimental Psychology from 3 to 2. Note that this does not change the overall graded course requirements, but removes a required core course for the MS only (PhD requirements will continue unchanged).

Rationale for change:

This proposed change for the MS in Experimental Psychology is designed to provide students more flexibility to complete the requirements of the MS and choose the courses that are the best fit for their research program. The Experimental Psychology program at WSU is a small program both in terms of number of faculty and students. As with many programs/departments at WSU, there are concerns about our ability to add needed program faculty in the near future. Given the size of our program, minimum enrollment requirements to offer courses, and diverse research foci within the program, we are not able to offer some core courses as frequently as we would like (e.g. every 2-3 years instead of every 1-2 years).

Students who enter the experimental psychology program with a BA/BS are admitted with the expectation that they will earn the MS on the way to earning the PhD. It is rare that students leave the program before completing the PhD and, thus, they receive the background we expect is appropriate for a PhD in Experimental Psychology (i.e. completing 3 core courses). This change will give students more flexibility in terms of the timeline to complete the core coursework for the PhD, which should ensure they are not prevented from making progress through the program (e.g., in the event that a core course is not offered until after their planned thesis defense). The program faculty expressed no concerns in the unusual event of a student leaving with a terminal M.S.: (1) the student's committee will guide the student to take appropriate electives, and (2) the credit requirements are in line with the Graduate School requirements.

This change has been voted on and approved by the Experimental Psychology program faculty.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you require any further information, please let me know.

Experimental Psychology MS (Thesis):

- Core Requirements: must complete all of the following (9 credits):
 - PSYCH 504 (3cr), PSYCH 511 (3cr), PSYCH 512 (3cr)
- Core Electives: must complete at least two courses from the following (5 credits minimum):
 - PHIL 530* (2cr) or PHIL 540* (3cr), PSYCH 519 (3cr), PSYCH 523 (3cr), PSYCH 529 (3cr), PSYCH 550 (3cr), PSYCH 574 (3cr), PSYCH 592 (3cr)
**PHIL 530 is targeted for students conducting animal research only while PHIL 540 is intended for those conducting social science research with human participants; industrial/organization students may elect to take MGTOP 587.*
- Required Non-Graded Credits:**
 - PSYCH 506 (2cr)
***Students who expect to teach intro PSYCH in the second year must enroll in PSYCH 505 in their second semester and students who expect to teach a Global Campus course must enroll in PSYCH 510 in their second semester.*
- Recommended Electives: 7 credits minimum:
 - Students are encouraged to select graded elective courses from the recommended electives for their area of concentration. These are selected in consultation with the committee. See the Graduate Student Handbook for the list of recommendations.
- Research Credits: 4 credits minimum:
 - PSYCH 700
- Total Graded Credits: 21 credits minimum
- Total Credits: 30 credits minimum

Applicable Graduate School Requirements:

- Graded Credits: 21 credits minimum:
 - Students may use a maximum of 6 credits of undergraduate coursework (300-400)
- Research Credits: 4 credits minimum
 - PSYCH 700
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