

16 Proposal # S20psy8 Proposal #  
(Academic Affairs use only) (College use only)

## REQUEST FOR PROGRAM CHANGE(S)

University of Central Oklahoma

Please note: All information contained in this form will be reviewed by persons outside of your college. Please use clear and concise language when completing this form.

Name of program-major or minor to be changed: (maximum of 30 spaces)

Existing Name:

Psychology – General Psychology

Proposed Name: (if changing)(maximum of 30 spaces)

\*Remember when abbreviating names, this is how they will appear on student's transcripts.

Proposed Name: (full name of program/major if longer than 30 spaces)

Is this a:  Program  Major  Minor  Sequence of Courses

Proposed change:

Name Change

Degree Designation

Admission Requirement

Curriculum Change

GPA Requirement

Other: Added statement concerning Accelerated Degree Plan

Is this program:  Undergraduate  Graduate

Is this a teacher preparation program? (All courses required for any teacher preparation program must have approval from the Council on Teacher Education (CTE) before approval from AACCC or Graduate Council.)

Yes  No If yes, send copy of proposal to the Director of Teacher Education, Dr. Bryan Duke.

CTE Approval (Stamp or initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Psychology

Department submitting the proposal

Dr. Thomas Hancock

Person to contact with questions

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Ext. number

Approved by:

Tom Hancock  
Department Chair

7/29/20  
Date

Debra Vent-Kelly  
College Curriculum Committee Chair Date  
(Please notify department chair when proposal is forwarded to dean.)

Debra Vent-Kelly  
College Dean

(Please notify department chair when proposal is forwarded to AA.)

8/21/20  
Date

Academic Affairs Curriculum or Graduate Council Date

Office of Academic Affairs

Date

Effective term for this program change  
(Assigned by Academic Affairs)

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1. Does this program change affect other programs or departments?

If yes, provide name(s) of department chair(s) contacted, date(s), and results of discussion(s).  
 Yes  No

2. Proposed curriculum change(s):

(Please include entire major/minor as it exists and as it is proposed. *Italicize and bold changes.*)

FROM

TO

(Existing Catalog Requirements)

Required Courses.....32 Hours

Core Psychology Coursework.....18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5143	Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY	5193	Experimental Design
<b>PSY</b>	<b>5233</b>	<b><i>Psychopathology (remove)</i></b>
PSY	5563	Advanced Social Psychology
PSY	5633	Cognitive Psychology
PSY	5783	Behavioral Neuroscience

General Psychology Required Coursework.....12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
12 hours of elective, advisor-approved, graduate courses		

Capstone Experience .....2 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5980	Graduate Project

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ..... 32 HOURS

(Proposed Catalog Requirements)

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PSY	5143	Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY	5193	Experimental Design
<b>PSY</b>	<b>5623</b>	<b>Theories of Personality (added)</b>
PSY	5563	Advanced Social Psychology
PSY	5633	Cognitive Psychology
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Students expecting to graduate with an undergraduate degree in Psychology from UCO may apply during the last semester of their junior year (or within 30 hours of graduation) for application to the Accelerated Degree Program in Psychology – General Psychology M.S if they have a 3.0 overall GPA. If accepted to the Accelerated Degree Program, students may take up to 9 graduate hours during their senior year that will count toward both the Psychology bachelor's degree as upper-level elective credits as well as the Psychology – General Psychology M.S. degree. The following graduate courses are approved for dual credit: PSY 5623, 5193, 5143, and a 3 hour – 5000-level elective.

3. Degree Designation: (Example, B.A. to B.F.A.)

Existing Designation: M.A. To: M.S.

4. Change(s) in Minimum GPA Requirements:

FROM (Existing Catalog Requirements) TO (Proposed Catalog Requirements)

NA



5. Change(s) in Admission Requirements for the Program/Major:

FROM (Existing Catalog Requirements)

TO (Proposed Catalog Requirements)

A GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections and a minimum of 3.5 on the analytical writing section. (This statement was approved for the '20-21 catalogue.)

A preferred GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections and a minimum of 3.5 on the analytical writing section.

6. Other requested action: A statement was added clarifying courses involved in the Accelerated Degree Plan.

7. Will requested change require additional funds?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify the amount of the additional costs, the source of the funds, and how they will be expended over the next three years, including new or re-allocated full or part time faculty/staff.

Additional Funds	20__	20__	20__
Amount of additional costs			
Source of funds			
How funds will be expended			

8. Please provide a summary of the requested changes. (this is a listing of the changes requested) (This information will be submitted to the OSRHE)

We would like to change the designation of the degree from MA to MS to reflect both the coursework involved in this science-centered degree as well as to remain competitive with other institutions offering similar degrees. We would like to replace the requirement of Psychopathology (which is a diagnosis-based course) with Theories of Personality (which is a research-based course). We also added a statement clarifying the choice of courses for students in the Accelerated Degree Plan. And the GRE requirement was changed to a preference to allow admission flexibility.

9. The reason(s) for this change are based on which of the following: (Check all that apply; explain and document in Question #10)

- Specialized Accreditation
- SSCI (Self Study for Continuous Improvement)
- Benchmark (e.g. comparison to peer institutions)
- Assessment Data
- Faculty Knowledge/Discipline Expertise
- Advisory Board/Outside Professional Group
- Other

10. For all items checked in Question #9, please provide a concise, yet comprehensive, statement that explains the reasons for requesting the change including any necessary documentation. (The information provided here will be submitted to the OSRHE)

Faculty expertise and comparisons to peer institutions suggested that we should make the proposed changes to the required courses and degree designation.



**Accelerated Degree Program Curricular Form**

Thank you for your desire to have an Accelerated Degree Program approved through the Graduate College curriculum review process, which involves a recommendation from the Graduate Council's Curriculum Committee.

Given that Accelerated Degree Programs permit an undergraduate student to enroll in graduate courses and to count the completed graduate courses toward their undergraduate degree, these curriculum proposals are approved through both undergraduate (Academic Affairs Curriculum Committee) and graduate (Graduate Council) curricular processes. The Academic Affairs Curriculum Committee reviews Accelerated Degree Program proposals and makes recommendations to the Graduate Council.

In order for the Graduate Council to review the proposal submitted, this form should be completed and submitted with the undergraduate curriculum proposal. If approved, the information provided below will be used by the Graduate College to develop the Accelerated Degree Program paragraph in the Graduate Catalog degree sheet; a sample Degree Sheet paragraph is provided below.

**Undergraduate Degree Faculty Contact:**

Dr. Nora D. Gayzur

**Undergraduate Degree Department:**

Psychology

**Name of the Undergraduate Degree in the Accelerated Degree Program:**

Psychology

**Name of the Graduate Degree in the Accelerated Degree Program:**

Psychology - General Psychology

**Name of the Graduate Program Advisor for the ADP Graduate Degree:**

Dr. Jaclyn Maass

**Specific Graduate Courses to Be Counted Toward the Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees:  
(Student may select 9 hours from the following courses.)**

<i>Graduate Course Prefix</i>	<i>Graduate Course No.</i>	<i>Graduate Course Credit Hour</i>	<i>Graduate Course Title</i>
PSY	5623	3	Theories of Personality
PSY	5193	3	Experimental Design
PSY	5143	3	Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY	5XXX	3	Elective

**Please Note:** No more than 10 hours of graduate coursework in an Accelerated Degree Program may be double-counted for both a graduate and undergraduate degree. No undergraduate coursework may be counted toward a graduate degree. All students are required to apply to the Graduate College for ADP admission and are subject to Graduate College policies upon graduate admittance.

Thomas W. Hancock Digitally signed by Thomas W. Hancock  
Date: 2020.08.18 15:56:13 -05'00'

Signature of Undergraduate Degree Department Chair

Jaclyn Maass Digitally signed by Jaclyn Maass  
Date: 2020.08.11 13:25:41 -05'00'

Signature of Graduate Degree Program Advisor

8/18/2020

Date

8/11/2020

Date

***Sample Accelerated Degree Program Graduate Catalog Degree Sheet Paragraph***

**Accelerated Degree Program**

Students who are accepted to the undergraduate degree in [insert name of undergraduate degree] may apply to take [see table of approved 5000-level courses up to a maximum of 10 hours] during their senior year of the bachelor's degree. These courses will count toward both the [insert bachelor's degree] and [insert master's degree]. The approved graduate courses are: [insert list of approved graduate courses]. These courses are specified on the degree sheet. During the last semester of their junior year or within 30 hours of graduation, an undergraduate student with a 3.0 overall GPA may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program.