Psychology

1. Add the following course

Psyc 425 Psychology of Action (3 cr)
The psychology of action is about the mind-body connection: what are the underlying psychological and neurological processes that enable us to translate our intentions into action, and that prevent us from doing things as well as we would like? Action control is a fundamental topic in psychology, neuroscience, and related disciplines, important for rehabilitation, training, design of usable devices, and insight into the functioning of the nervous system as a whole. Topics include perceptual-motor integration, skill acquisition, and planning and generation of simple and complex movements.
Prereq: Psyc 101 and Psyc 218

Offered via distance: No
Geographic Area Availability: Moscow
Rationale: This course will provide an additional option for psychology majors in the biological/experimental basis of behavior. The course will be part of the regular load of one of our faculty members, so it will not require additional resources. Assessment of learning outcomes from this course will be reflected in departmental assessment artifacts and notably the Major Field Test given to a subset of Seniors each academic year.

2. Change the following courses

Psyc 201 Survey of Contemporary Psychology (1 cr)
Introduces students to the psychology major, the psychology faculty, and current research in psychology. Each week a different faculty member will discuss the history, methods, major findings, and recent developments in his or her main areas of study.
Prereq or Coreq: Psyc 101

Offered via distance: Yes
Geographic Area Availability: Moscow and Via Distance
Rationale: We would like to remove Psyc 101 as a co-requisite and leave it as a prerequisite. Students will benefit more from Psyc 201 if they have already completed Psyc 101.

Psyc 372 Physiological Psychology (3 cr)
Physiological bases of animal and normal human behavior.
Recommended Preparation: Biol 102/102L or higher
Prereq: Psyc 101, and Biol 102/102L or higher

Offered via distance: Yes
Geographic Area Availability: Moscow and Via Distance
Rationale: The course can be completed without previous coursework in biology. However, it would be helpful for students to have a biology course before taking PSYC 372, so we are adding BIOL 102/102L or higher as recommended preparation.
Psyc 513 Advanced Research Methods (3 cr)
Types of research designs and data analyses; application of principles of design and analysis to real-world problems; and use of mainframe statistical computer packages for data analysis.
Prereq: Permission

Offered via distance: Yes
Geographic Area Availability: Moscow and Via Distance
Rationale: The description is updated to better reflect course content.

Psyc 516 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3 cr)
Application of psychological principles to the study of work behavior; includes topics such as personnel selection, performance appraisal, training, work motivation, teams, leadership, and job attitudes. Additional work required for graduate credit. Psyc 516 is a cooperative course available to WSU degree-seeking students.
Prereq: Psyc 101

Offered via distance: Yes
Geographic Area Availability: Moscow and Via Distance
Rationale: Psyc 516 was a cooperative course with Washington State University to provide their psychology graduate students an opportunity to take a course in industrial/organizational psychology. They have asked us to remove Psyc 516 as a cooperative course, as they have decided to offer their own graduate course in industrial/organizational psychology.

3. Change the curricular requirements of Psychology (BA or BS)

Note: Psyc 101 and Psyc 218 must be completed with a grade of C or better and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 must be attained for students seeking upper-division standing in the department. In order to graduate with a degree in psychology, a 2.50 GPA must be attained.

Required course work includes the university requirements (see regulation J-3), the general requirements for either the B.A. or B.S. degree, and:

Psyc 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr)
Psyc 201 Survey of Contemporary Psychology (1 cr)
Psyc 218 Introduction to Research in the Behavioral Sciences (4 cr)
Stat 251 Statistical Methods (3 cr)

One of the following (4 cr)
Biol 102, Biol 102L Biology and Society and Lab (4 cr)
Biol 115 Cells and the Evolution of Life (4 cr)

A grade of C or above in at least three courses from each of the following groups (18 cr):

Personal/Social Bases of Behavior
Psyc 305 Developmental Psychology (3 cr)
Psyc 310 Psychology of Personality (3 cr)
Psyc 311 Abnormal Psychology (3 cr)
Psyc 320 Introduction to Social Psychology (3 cr)
Psyc 430 Tests and Measurements (3 cr)

Biological/Experimental Bases of Behavior
Psyc 325 Cognitive Psychology (3 cr)
Psyc 372 Physiological Psychology (3 cr)
Psyc 390 Psychology of Learning (3 cr)
Psyc 425 Psychology of Action (3 cr)
Psyc 430 Tests and Measurements (3 cr)
Psyc 444 Sensation and Perception (3 cr)
Psyc 456 Psychology of Emotion (3 cr)

At least 12 additional upper-division psychology credits. Up to 6 of these credits may be earned by taking Comm 347, Comm 410, Comm 432, or Comm 433. Only 3 of these credits may come from Psyc 400, Psyc 494, Psyc 497, Psyc 498, and/or Psyc 499. A grade of C or better must be earned in each course taken to complete this category.

Courses to total 120 credits for this degree

**Distance Education Availability:** 100%
**Geographic Area Availability:** Moscow and Via Distance

**Rationale:** We are removing the biology requirement to increase choice for students. Psychology majors have traditionally been advised to take BIOL 102 which would then count towards general education requirements and major requirements. By removing the biology requirement, students will have more flexibility in how they complete the general education science requirement.

We are moving Psychology 430 (Tests and Measurements) from the biological/experimental basis of behavior to the personal/social basis of behavior category. The content of Psychology 430 fits better with the personal/social basis of behavior category.

Psychology 425 (Psychology of Action) is being added to the biological/experimental basis of behavior category. The course fits well with the other courses in this category and provides another course from which students can choose to meet degree requirements.