The University Of Toledo

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT REVISION FORM

Please list the proposed program structure. Attach additional pages as necessary.

College: ARS

Dept/Academic Unit: PSY

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Program Name: Psychology

Program Level: ☑ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate

Changes and Reason for Changes

Modify the requirement for declaring the Psychology Major. Add the requirement that students must have at least 30 hours of college credit before being admitted as a full PSY major. Raise the minimum cumulative GPA to 2.5 or higher. “Pre-psychology majors” will still be advised in the department.

We hope this change will convey to students that they must take their performance seriously. Psychology departments at other universities that have instituted a similar requirement initially lost a portion of their majors, but over a few years the number returned to its previous high, but with more diligent students. In 2010, among students newly declaring the psychology major who had been at UT for at least 1 semester, 62% had a GPA of 2.5 or higher. This gives a general estimate of the number of students that might be affected. Once the requirement is known to students and if full 30 hours credit were involved, we think the portion of students who do not qualify would be less than 38%.

Increase the number of hours in the major that must be taken at the University of Toledo from 12 to 22. This means that two-thirds of the coursework in the major will be at UT. Very few students fail to meet this minimum, but we would like to formalize this requirement.

Require that at least four of the electives in the major be taken at the 3000–4000 level. When we switched to semesters there were no electives at the 2000 level, however with the increasing proportion of transfer students, 2000-level courses often come in as transfer electives and we feel it is important that students have a substantial component of the major at a more advanced level. This change will still allow a few electives at a lower level to count toward the major if necessary.

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College Dean: [Signature]

Date: 11/29/11 (mm/dd/yyyy)

After college approval, submit the original signed form to the Faculty Senate (UH 3320) for undergraduate-level courses; for graduate-level courses submit the original signed form to the Graduate School (UH3240).

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