

# **UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY CURRICULUM REVIEW AND PLANNING *WORKSHOP 1 REPORT***

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Review and Visioning Program  
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# GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- review and revise the BA/BS Psychology curricula and align them to the following:
  - the UP Department of Psychology’s vision and identity (as articulated and agreed upon in a series of Strategic Planning Workshop in 2013 and 2014)
  - national and international guidelines on undergraduate Psychology curricula (such as the CHED 2015 proposed guidelines and the APA-American Psychological Association guidelines)
  - professional requirements (i.e. the Psychometrician licensure exam, per RA 10029)
  - disciplinal directions in teaching, generation, and use of knowledge
  - our students’ needs and vision of an undergraduate Psychology education



# METHODS

- Workshop Series
  - Pre-workshop: needs assessment
  - **Level 1: Curricular Review and Planning Workshop**
  - Level 2: Writing Workshop
  - Level 3: Execution Planning Workshop
- Pilot Test
  - Dry run of select courses
  - Evaluation report



# SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE FOR WORKSHOP 1

- Identify and agree on the following curricular components:
  - (1) required courses (Psych and non---Psych)
  - (2) electives
  - (3) total units
  - (4) order / sequencing
  - (5) course modules to be written
  - (6) work groups



# SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS

- Factors to consider in reviewing and revising the undergraduate Psychology curriculum
- Required Psychology courses for the BA/BS curricula
- Some required non-psychology courses
- Removal/deletion of some subjects from the curricula
- Electives
- Some (not all) rules regarding electives
- Prerequisites for some (not all) Psych subjects
- Computations for the BA and BS Psych curricula



# I. FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- GE
- K-12
- ASEAN/Internalization
- Psych Law
- How others are doing it
- CHED
- COE-Center of Excellence Status
- Advocates in the field
- Linkages
- Mission/vision
- Advance in the field of competencies
- Industry demand
- Social justice issues/commitments



# I. FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- UP as a national University
- Alumni feedback
- Exit/graduate interview
- Must produce psychologists
- Inputs from pedagogy
- Laboratory space, equipment, human resources
- Future demands for psych
- Number of faculty and interests
- Process within the university
- University's demands/psych's role within the university
- Faculty development
- Faculty succession plan



# IMMEDIATE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

- range of GE units: 21 to 45
- Department of Mathematics' decision based on K-12—removal of Math 11, 14, and 17
- replacement of Math 100 with Calculus series (Math 53, 54)
- required courses for Psychometrician licensure exam—Personality, Abnormal Psychology, Assessment, and I/O Psychology
- Government required courses—P.I. 100





# IMMEDIATE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

- specific CHED proposed guidelines:
  - Required — Indigenous Psych OR Cultural Psych; I/O Psych; Cognitive Psych;
  - Research in Psych 1 (Thesis Proposal)
  - Research in Psych 2 (Thesis Proper)
  - Electives — Language, Learning, Perception



# IMMEDIATE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

- Operational issues
  - faculty development and succession plan
  - faculty complement — numbers + interest
  - resources — availability and constraints
  - processes in the University
- APA learning goals



## II. & III. REQUIRED PSYCH & NON-PSYCH SUBJECTS FOR BA AND BS PSYCH CURRICULA

- Required Psychology subjects
  - agreed on 62 units of required Psych courses
  - 11 units more than the current 51 units of required Psych courses



101 (3u)	148 (4u; new—“Cognitive Psych” now required)
105 (3u; new—“Intro to Research in Psychology”)	150 (3u)
108 (3u)	153 (3u; new — “Motivation” now required)
110 (4u from 5u)	155 (3u)
115 (4u from 5u)	160 (4u)
118 (4u; “Quantitative Field”)	162 (4u)
119 (4u; “Qualitative Field”)	164 (4u; new — “Assessment” now required)
124 (3u; new — “I/O Psych” now required)	171 (3u)
140 (3u)	180 (3u)



## II. & III. REQUIRED PSYCH & NON-PSYCH SUBJECTS FOR BA AND BS PSYCH CURRICULA

- Some required Non-Psych subjects
  - Philo 160 (Philosophy of Science)
    - It is foundational and will help students understand how and why Psychology is a science
    - This has always been required for BA Psych, but is a new requirement for BS Psych
  - P.I. 100 (government required)



# IV. REMOVAL/DELETION OF SOME SUBJECTS

- Removing Maths 11, 14, 17, and 100 from the BA/BS Psych Curricula due to Math's removal of the first 3 courses and the faculty's conclusion that Math 53 (Calculus) is not necessary to understanding statistics for research in psychology;
- Removing Psychology 139 (Ethology) from the course catalogue



# V. ELECTIVES FOR THE BA/BS PSYCHOLOGY CURRICULA

- 135 (from required to elective; from 4 to 3 units)
- 145 (from required to elective)
- 169 LGBT Psychology (give it its own number so as to free up 195 for other special topics)
- 191 Readings in Psychology
- 195 new special topics
- 198 Internship/Practicum
- 199 Research Internship



# VI. ELECTIVE RULES

- For BA Psych:
  - 6 units of language electives
  - 6 units of required Psych electives
  - 21 units of electives, 6 of which are Free Electives
  - Of the 15 units regular electives, 6 units must be introductory Social Science electives
  - Total = 21 regular/free electives + 6 language electives + 6 psych electives
    - 33 units Electives





# VI. ELECTIVE RULES

- For BS Psych:
  - 6 units of language electives
  - 3 units of required Psych elective
  - 6 units of introductory Social Science electives
  - Note: 20 units of Science electives



# VII. PREREQUISITES FOR 3 COURSES

- Psych 101 (no prerequisite; to be taken in first year, first sem)
- Psych108 (Psych 101 prerequisite)
- Psych 115 (Psych 101, 105, 110)



# VIII. COMPUTATIONS FOR BA PSYCH CURRICULUM

Courses	Number of Units
Core	62 units
<i>Required Non Psych</i>	
Philo 160	3 units
PI 100	3 units
<i>Electives</i>	
Language	6 units
Psych	6 units (2 Psych Subjects)
Free electives (6 units of which must be an Introductory Social Science Subject offered in CSSP and NOT a GE subject)	21 units
GE	36 units ?*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137 units ?</b>



# VIII. COMPUTATIONS FOR BS PSYCH CURRICULUM

Courses	Number of Units
Core	62 units
<i>Required Non Psych</i>	
Philo 160	3 units
PI 100	3 units
Natural Sciences Subject	?
<i>Electives</i>	
Language	6 units
Psych	3units (1 Psych elective)
Science electives (Natural Science)	20 units (?)
GE	36 units (?)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133 units?</b>



# SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- met its objectives of deciding on
  - (1) the required Psychology and Non-Psych subjects, the total number of these required subjects, and
  - (2) the Psych electives to be offered



# PRE-WORKSHOP 2 OBJECTIVES/ OPEN ISSUES

- Pending additional information
  - required natural science courses (and, by extension, science electives)
  - total number of Nat Science units required + electives (additional info on content of Bio and Chem subjects that will support Psych education)
  - prerequisites for the remainder of required Psych courses
  - order and sequencing of the Psych required subjects (sequencing of content vis-a-vis method courses)
  - number of GE units
  - course modules and work groups



# RECOMMENDED TIMELINE

- Sem 1 AY 2015-2016 (CY up to Dec 2016) — Hold series of meetings to gain agreement on unresolved issues AND identify work groups for the course modules
- Sem 2 AY 2015-2016 — Hold Workshop 2 (Writeshop) perhaps during the middle of the semester
- June 2016, after grades submission — Hold Workshop 3 (Execution Planning Workshop)



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