Catalog Year 2012-2013

College/School/Section: Arts & Sciences

Course: Add: x  Delete:  Change: ___

Number: PSYC 2320 (PSYC 2320)
Title: Evolutionary Psychology
SCH: 3__
Description:

Evolutionary Psychology

The course examines the foundations of human behavior, cognitive processes and personality through an evolutionary perspective. Evolutionary psychology attempts to explain how certain behaviors arise, their origin, and their historical and significant purpose throughout human history. Topics include human behavior, the human mind, survival, mating strategies, group behavior, aggression, and differences between sexes.

Prerequisites: PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301, CRJ 1301, BIOL 1370, or ANTH 2346 (Any 1).

Justification: This course will be a great addition to the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences as extra courses are needed for students to enroll in. Aside from student need, the topic itself is a new addition to what the program offers and relates well to current courses such as Developmental, Social, Abnormal and Cognitive Psychology. During the first semester in which the course was taught, enrollment was high and overall evaluations were excellent. Students displayed their interest in the field and expressed how it was a different course than what they had taken before.

Course Student Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course students will:

1.) Demonstrate knowledge of intersection of biology, evolution and human behavior
2.) Demonstrate understanding of the application of evolutionary theory to human behavior
3.) Demonstrate understanding of both differences and similarities between people in terms of adaptive behavior

Response Required: New course will be part of major x__ minor ___ as a required ___ or elective x__ course

Response Required: New course will introduce x__, reinforce ___, or apply ___ concepts
Approvals:

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Christopher J. Ferguson

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Date
From: Bernat, Frances P  
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 1:01 PM  
To: Trevino, Mary T.  
Cc: Ferguson, Christopher J; Villagran, Gloria  
Subject: RE: COAS Submissions

Yes, Mary. I believe that it would be included in the listing as you have outlined. Thank you. Fran

From: Trevino, Mary T.  
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2011 12:07 PM  
To: Bernat, Frances P  
Subject: FW: COAS Submissions  
Importance: High

The form makes reference to the course being used as an elective in the major. Would the course be added here?

Major: 32 SCH including PSYC 2301, 2314, 2117/2317, 3102/3302, 3301, 4301 and 4328; 9 SCH from PSYC 2320, 3304, 3310, 3311, 3315, 4199-4399, 4303, 4305, 4306, 4307, 4308, 4309, 4310, or 4315. Note - Minimum entrance requirement for a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology: PSYC 3302, 4301, 4303, 4308 with a grade of "B."