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Graduate programs in the **College of Arts and Sciences** do not require that applicants take the GRE, with the exception of ~~the following:~~ the MA in Counseling Psychology ~~and the MS in Psychology.~~ Language, Literature and Translation majors are required to take a departmentally administered examination.

The **College of Arts and Sciences (COAS)** reviews applicants prior to the beginning of each long semester; May for Fall applicants and November for Spring applicants. Master program applicants for the MA in Counseling Psychology ~~and the MS in Psychology~~ must submit satisfactory GRE scores to be admitted. Spanish majors must also pass a departmentally administered examination.

JUSTIFICATION:

In order to increase recruitment to the MS in the Psychology Program, the Psychology discipline has decided to drop the GRE requirement. This was done so that the MS in Psychology can compete with other TAMIU master's programs. We are hoping that by changing this admission requirement we might attract more students and potentially be more competitive. Moreover, TAMIU students have traditionally scored very low on the GRE, and they are required to take the GRE again after they complete the MS if they are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree. We hope that by dropping the GRE as a requirement, those students who have completed the MS successfully will be more prepared and mentored to take the GRE, score higher and be more competitive as they apply to a doctoral degree.

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06/2014

From: Arenaz, Pablo
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Subject: RE: UCC Changes - Catalog Question
They can apply it to the spring 2015 semester.
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Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Arenaz, Pablo
Subject: RE: UCC Changes - Catalog Question
You approved, as the form requested, for 2015-2016.
The department wants to apply for Spring 2015 which is the 2014-2015 catalog.