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Program: Delete: Add: Change: XX Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

We are requesting the creation of a non-thesis track for the MS in Psychology Program, where the classes PSYC 5398 and 5399 (Thesis) will be replaced by PSYC 5388 (Psychology Internship I) and PSYC 5389 (Psychology Internship II). This change is motivated by student needs and our efforts to increase enrollment and graduation rate. Specifically, creating a non-thesis track would not only appeal to a wider range of candidates, and so would boost our enrollment, but also would help in having better graduation rates, as students would not be pending with their theses. In the past, we had good students who started working on their theses but then somehow got distracted and never completed their degree. We also have students interested in the Program, but they are not very research-oriented and at present we cannot accommodate such candidates, given our limited number of faculty. The Internship class would be planned in cooperation with the Service Learning Center and involve service-learning (community-based projects). This would make our Program more community-oriented and offer students a hands-on experience with a community-based institution where their psychological theoretical knowledge could be usefully implemented.

The Program that has been approved (pasted below) will hence be called a “**Thesis track**” from now on, and the new, “**Non-thesis track**” would be identical, except for two Thesis courses from the thesis track replaced with Internship for the Non-thesis track. Changes in **red** are added information:

<http://www.tamtu.edu/catalog/current/ms-gen-psyc-thesis.shtml>

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY**Thesis track****MAJOR CURRICULUM - PSYCHOLOGY****21 SCH****Required courses:**

PSYC 5302 - Survey of Social Psychology
PSYC 5304 - Survey of Personality and Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 5305 - Human Development Across the Life Span
PSYC 5320 - Research Design and Statistics
PSYC 5370 Cognitive Science
PSYC 5398 - Thesis
PSYC 5399 - Thesis

Electives:**15 SCH****Five courses chosen from:**

PSYC 5335 - Issues in Psychology
PSYC 5336 - Multicultural Issues in Psychology
PSYC 5338 - Alcohol/Drug Counseling: Theory and Practice
PSYC 5365 - Advanced Statistics
PSYC 5368 Special Topics in Research Methods
PSYC 5371 Theories of Second Language Acquisition
PSYC 5374 Human Memory
PSYC 5375 - Introduction to Neuropsychology

*6 SCH of the electives may be selected from any 5000- level graduate classes, including those from other departments in the university, with the approval of the Graduate Advisor.

TOTAL**36 SCH****MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY****Non-thesis track****MAJOR CURRICULUM - PSYCHOLOGY****21 SCH****Required courses:**

PSYC 5302 - Survey of Social Psychology
PSYC 5304 - Survey of Personality and Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 5305 - Human Development Across the Life Span
PSYC 5320 - Research Design and Statistics
PSYC 5370 Cognitive Science
PSYC 5388 – Psychology Internship I
PSYC 5389 – Psychology Internship II

Electives: ***15 SCH****Five courses chosen from:**

PSYC 5335 - Issues in Psychology
PSYC 5336 - Multicultural Issues in Psychology
PSYC 5338 - Alcohol/Drug Counseling: Theory and Practice
PSYC 5365 - Advanced Statistics
PSYC 5368 -Special Topics in Research Methods
PSYC 5371 -Theories of Second Language Acquisition
PSYC 5374 - Human Memory
PSYC 5375 - Introduction to Neuropsychology

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