

**CATALOG YEAR 2012-2013**

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: Arts &amp; 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, CRIJ 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

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**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  
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**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 [4325](#); 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."