



ACADEMIC ALERT #2009-11

DATE: June, 2009

DECISION: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Addition of a Cohort Delivery Model to the B.A. in Psychology

Rationale

The Psychology Department will offer the B.A. in Psychology (General Psychology Concentration) in a cohort delivery model.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, the cohort model is being offered at NLU's Chicago and Lisle campuses, and at additional NLU campuses beginning the following year.

Undergraduate cohorts in psychology are particularly marketable for students who are interested in psychology who have completed substantial credits at a local community college. Often these students are interested in a career in psychology or a related field and plan to continue through the graduate level.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: May 21, 2009

Program Authorizations: The B.A. Psychology program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Summer Term, 2009

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Admission and Related Criteria

Prior to enrolling in a psychology undergraduate cohort:

- Students must have been admitted to NLU.
- Students must have completed a minimum of 75 quarter hours of undergraduate coursework.
- Students who have less than 75 quarter hours will have to work with an advisor in preparation for enrolling in the cohort. Completion of all General Education requirements is recommended.
- For students who have 75 or more quarter hours and have not fulfilled all general education requirements, the following courses must be completed: LAE101 and LAE102 or the equivalencies, LAM110 and LAM216 or the equivalencies, LAN110 or its equivalency, an Introductory Social Science course and LAP100 or its equivalency. These students will have to work with an advisor, and can join a cohort with the knowledge that they will have to complete their general education courses or electives outside the cohort either during or at the end of the 6 terms.
- For students who have 75 quarter hours, and have completed all General Education requirements, the additional 15 quarter hours can be open electives.
- Students with 90 quarter hours, including satisfaction of the General Education requirements, will be accepted into the cohort.
- A minimum total of 180 quarter hours are required for the baccalaureate degree.

B.A. Psychology Cohort Delivery Model

| Course Code | Course Title | QH |
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| Term I | | |
| LAP306 | Theories of Personality (Personality/Clinical) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP307 | Abnormal Psychology (Personality/Clinical) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP350 | Culture and Self (Community) <i>online</i> | 5 |
| Term II | | |
| LAP348 | Cross-Cultural Communication (Community) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP340 | Effective Interpersonal Relationships (Personality/Clinical) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP315 | Lifespan Development (Developmental) <i>online</i> | 5 |
| Term III | | |
| LAP303 | Intro to Psycholinguistics (Developmental/Cognitive) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP401 | Psychology of Learning (Experimental/Cognitive) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAS300 | Contemporary World Cultures (Elective) <i>online</i> | 5 |
| Term IV | | |
| LAP403 | History and Systems of Psychology <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP425 | Mental Health (Community/Clinical) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP420 | Social Psychology (Social/Community) <i>online</i> | 5 |
| Term V | | |
| LAM308 | Exploratory Probability and Statistics (Elective) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP408 | Introduction to Community Psychology <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP402 | Experimental Psychology (Experimental) <i>online</i> | 5 |
| Term VI | | |
| LAP450 | Human Sexuality (Developmental/Community) <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP499 | Psychology Seminar <i>blended</i> | 5 |
| LAP352 | Children and Families under Stress (Community) <i>online</i> | 5 |

Three courses will be offered for each of six (6) consecutive terms in a cohort format. Two of the courses will be blended courses and will share, equally, the same scheduled meeting time slot, one of the courses will be a fully on-line course.

Students will attend courses one 4-hour time slot a week and will take one on-line course for six terms. Courses will be taught in a prescribed sequence of three courses per term. The predictable, fixed schedule will enable students to complete the program in a more timely way. This schedule will also facilitate scheduling and make enrollment more predictable. The students' progress will be streamlined, and course cancellations will be minimized.

Students will have the benefit of a "locked in" tuition, they will be billed their entry tuition rate for the entire program. Students who "stop out" or fail to complete the program will pay the current tuition rate upon reentry to the program.

Satisfaction of Requirements for a B.A. in Psychology

The following courses satisfy the Required Core Courses in Psychology (50 QH).

| | | QH |
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| LAP 315 | Lifespan Development | 5 |
| LAP 401 | Psychology of Learning | 5 |
| LAP 306 | Theories of Personality | 5 |
| LAP 307 | Abnormal Psychology | 5 |
| LAP 402 | Experimental Psychology | 5 |
| LAP 350 | Culture and Self | 5 |
| LAP 420 | Social Psychology | 5 |
| LAP 425 | Mental Health | 5 |
| LAP 450 | Human Sexuality | 5 |
| LAP 499 | Psychology Seminar | 5 |

The following courses satisfy the General Psychology Concentration (30 QH)

| | | QH |
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| LAP 201 | Psychology of Early Childhood (from a community college; not on schedule) | 5 |
| LAP 202 | Psychology of Middle Childhood and Adolescence (from a community college; not on schedule) | 5 |
| LAP 303 | Introduction to Psycholinguistics | 5 |
| LAP 340 | Effective Interpersonal Relationships | 5 |
| LAP 408 | Introduction to Community Psychology | 5 |
| LAP 403 | History and Systems of Psychology* | 5 |

The following courses serve as elective courses toward meeting the elective hour requirement for graduation at National-Louis University.

| | | QH |
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| *LAP 348 | Cross-Cultural Communication | 5 |
| *LAP 352 | Children and Families Under Stress | 5 |
| LAS 300 | Contemporary World Cultures | 5 |
| LAM 308 | Exploratory Probability and Statistics | 5 |

* These courses are also General Psychology Concentration courses and can be used to satisfy the concentration requirement if a student does not transfer the above two courses shown as "(from a community college/not on schedule)" from a Community College.

Implementation

Changes need to be made to the appropriate NLU web pages. There are no changes to the overall program, so CAPP stays the same. There is no new program or major code. The only changes in Banner would be to make the rest of the courses blended.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center (UAAC), and staff in Enrollment, Marketing, and Recruitment, need to be knowledgeable about this cohort delivery model for the B.A. in Psychology.

The revised catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2010-2011.