

WSCUC Substantive Change Screening Form

Full Name: Master of Arts in Psychology

Description:

The mission of the graduate program in Psychology at California State University Channel Islands is to provide qualified students the opportunity to earn a master's degree in Psychology. The program's objective is to prepare students for doctoral study in Psychology or research-based careers. The program emphasizes the development of the quantitative and critical thinking skills that allow for analytical approaches to better understand societal and theoretical issues.

Student training will emphasize breadth of knowledge in psychological theories and principles, along with advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies for application to research questions and real world problems. The program's strengths include the opportunity to work closely with faculty on a thesis project or with community partners on an internship. Intensive training in statistical analysis is another hallmark of the program. These opportunities will ensure that students graduate with the skills needed to transition successfully to their careers or a doctoral program. The program meets institutional learning objectives by training graduate students who have knowledge of theories that can help explain issues affecting human society, as well as the analytical skills to support data-driven understanding of these issues. Students will also gain experience with effective communication of complex issues and how to address problems. The program develops independent research skills through participation in an internship-based experience or through a thesis. As such, the program supports all aspects of the mission of California State University Channel Islands.

Start Date of Proposed Change: Fall 2024

Requested Month of Review: October

Degree Level: Master of Arts

Modality: Fully Face-to-Face

CIP:

Psychological Research 20992, Paired CIP code 42.9999

Psychological Science 20990, Paired CIP code 42.2799

Is this a request for resubmission of a previous proposal in which resubmission was indicated? No

Designate if any of the following apply:

Competency – based Degree Program N/A

Duration – Change in Degree Length N/A

Degree Completion Program N/A

Joint or Dual Degree N/A

Please provide the names and CIP codes of the institution's two most closely related programs to the proposed program.

1st Program Name: Psychological Research

1st Program CIP: 42.9999

2nd Program Name: Psychological Science

2nd Program CIP: 42.2799

Number of new courses being required for this program: 15

How many new faculty members will be required for this program? 0

No additional faculty are required

A graduate program director will be needed to manage and coordinate the MA degree program. A 6 WTUs per semester will be required for this role.

A graduate student ambassador will be needed to assist with the MA program sponsored events, mentoring new graduate students in the department, and promoting the graduate student community. The ambassador will also serve as an important point of contact to other graduate students and applicants interested in the MA program (1 mentor x \$16/hr x 12 hrs/wk x 15 wks) = \$2,880 per semester.

Please describe any significant additional equipment or facilities needed for the program:

The only additional space we will be needing is a common shared office space for graduate students.

Please describe any significant additional financial resources needed:

- Services Support (e.g., IT, library materials, and Program services) = \$5,500
- General program supplies/printing = \$3,500
- Recruitment/Marketing supplies = \$5,000
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Please describe any significant additional library/learning resources needed: N/A