

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of Master's Degree Changes in Psychology

Whereas the College of Liberal Arts is proposing the addition of an accelerated MS with Applied Psychology concentration and Non-Thesis Option for the MA degree; and

Whereas the accelerated MS with Applied Psychology program would increase the earning potential of students by qualifying them for careers in private industry, government, and non-profit settings, including consulting, program evaluation, research, management, and internal consulting; and

Whereas the department anticipates that the 450 current undergraduate majors will provide an initial cohort of 5-7 accelerated degree program students, with a steady state of 6-9 students per year; and

Whereas the accelerated MS program would require completion of the undergraduate psychology degree (120 hours) including nine hours of 400-level courses that will count toward both degrees, and an additional 23-24 credit hours after completing the bachelor's degree; and

Whereas no additional staffing is required, and the only anticipated budgetary impact is updates to the website and the catalog

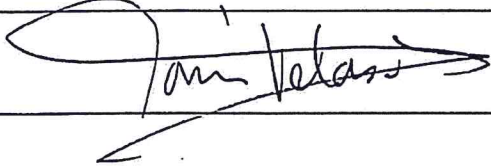
Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the RME for the addition of an accelerated MS with Applied Psychology concentration in the Department of Psychology in the College of Liberal Arts.

Moreover, Whereas the department of Psychology is transforming its MS degree into a terminal non-thesis accelerated master's degree, and the transition of the MS degree to the accelerated program will prevent its traditional use to recognize the completion of coursework by students who do not complete a thesis, and such a measure is rare, but a valued option for the department; and

Whereas the only difference from the thesis option MA is the removal of the thesis and the fact that students in the non-thesis option will not be allowed to continue in the Ph.D. program; and

Be it further resolved that the Graduate Council approves the RME for the non-thesis option to MA in the Department of Psychology in the College of Liberal Arts.


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Chair, Graduate Council

Nov. 9, 2017

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Dean, Graduate School

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