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To: Associate Dean Sarah Fishman and CLASS Undergraduate Studies Committee

From: Dr. Suzanne Kieffer   
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Re: Request for Undergraduate Catalog Revision

The Department of Psychology is requesting to have the following note added to its section of the Undergraduate Catalog after the first 6 statements about the major:

*7. Majors may not use the same course as a requirement in their psychology major and as a requirement in either their minor, double major or double degree.*

The guideline stated above is already in practice, and is relayed to students as necessary during sessions with Departmental advisors. We are requesting to formalize the guideline by including it in the Catalog. The regulation is in place to prevent students from "double-dipping" with major requirements and using such courses toward completion of a minor, double major or double degree. For example, a student may attempt to use PSYC 3301, Intro to Statistics, for both a major requirement and a Sociology major requirement; PSYC 2344, Cultural Psychology, for a major requirement and an African-American Studies minor requirement; or PSYC 3310, Industrial-Organizational Psychology, for both a Psychology and Business major or minor requirement. Note that the School of Business does not allow students to use PSYC 3310 for both majors concurrently.

We wish to emphasize to students that their major and minor, or double major or degree, are designed to be a distinct group of courses. This would NOT affect their use of psychology major requirements toward the core (such as use of PSYC 3301, Statistics, for math/formal reasoning).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If approved, it would be submitted for the 2007-2009 Undergraduate Catalog.

*Approved Sarah  
4/7/05*

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