

Summary of Psychology Subcommittee Memo

The following provides a summary of a memo from the CCN Psychology Subcommittee.

Recommendation

The CCN Psychology Subcommittee proposes not aligning PSY 101 at this time.

Chart approved by CCN Psychology and Co-chairs Zip Krummel and Ethan McMahan, June 6, 2023.

Status: Recommended to full HECC Commission by Transfer Council, June 15, 2023.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transfer Council

FROM: CCN Psychology Subcommittee

DATE: June 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Alignment of PSY 101

Dear Transfer Council,

The CCN Psychology Subcommittee requests guidance on how to proceed with regards to the alignment of PSY 101 (called e.g. “Applied Psychology” or “Psychology of Human Relations”).

Although PSY 101 is the 20th [most transferred course](#) across the state and is offered at 14 of the 17 community colleges (exceptions being Blue Mountain, Lane, and Southwestern Oregon), PSY 101 is not offered at any of the 7 public universities and thus not included in any baccalaureate degree program. Rather, what is now called General Psychology (which will be renamed Introduction to Psychology I [PSY 201Z] and Introduction to Psychology II [PSY 202Z]) constitutes the introduction to the discipline. PSY 101 can be used to satisfy General Education requirements at five universities: UO, SOU, EOU, PSU, and OIT. In other words, the fact that this course appears among the most transferred courses is evidence that many students are transferring PSY 101; however, it does not count for any degree programs and at least three universities, it does not meet a general education requirement. Therefore, transferring the course is generally not advantageous for students, but is likely to increase if this course is aligned.

We would like to propose that we do not align PSY 101 at this time, given that the course is not offered at any OPU, does not satisfy requirements for a major at any OPU, and is accepted for general education credit at some (5) but not all OPUs.

Thank you for reviewing our request.

Sincerely,

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