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Good afternoon,

On Monday, January 13th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a request to revise the Psychology minor (<https://ascnet.osu.edu/request/6158>).

The Subcommittee approved the request with the following feedback:

- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee notes that the requirement of Psych 2220: Data Analysis in Psychology has been eliminated in this revision, but the rationale for this particular change has not been provided. The reviewing faculty understand the effort to condense the credit hours in the process of moving to one minor, but there is concern regarding the removal of a course that was required and clearly essential to the programs. There is also concern that eliminating this requirement will limit the courses students can take at the 4000-level and above due to prerequisites, therefore reducing rather than increasing course flexibility. The Subcommittee requests clarification regarding this change, including its impact on course options.
- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests an explanation of the statement on the first page of the proposal that “courses will only count on the minor if prerequisite coursework has been successfully completed ahead of time”. They are uncertain whether this can be retroactively enforced, as there are several courses (e.g., GEN Themes courses [Psych 2303](#) and [2311](#)) that could apply to the minor but do not have the Psych 1100 prerequisite. The Subcommittee is unclear on how this policy will be applied and if exceptions will be made.
- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks for more detailed reasoning regarding the decision to eliminate all six of the existing Psychology minors. Given that the department has a substantial student population and that many of the minors are well-attended, the Subcommittee would appreciate more information on how the decision to fully eliminate rather than retain certain options will serve students.

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted by email to Bernadette Vankeerbergen.1 before this proposal can move forward in the approval process.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Amy Nathanson (faculty Chair of the SBS Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail) or me.

Best,
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