

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation
- Decision
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

DATE: 27 February 2024

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – BSc and BA in Psychology - Affective Science and Mental Health Specialization

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty proposed to:

- Add new course - PSYC 3070U (Stress and Coping)
- Add HLSC 4808U (Exploring Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities) to the list of course options
- Add PSYC 3900U and PSYC 4900U (Special Topics courses) as potential options for credit towards specialization, on a case by case basis.

These additions will increase the course selection option for students.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Additional courses will be made available beginning in Fall 2024.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ FSSH Curriculum Committee: 5 December 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 19 December 2023
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (for approval): 16 January 2024
- Academic Council (for information): 27 February 2024

Additionally, prior consultation with program committee, Academic Advising, and students (informally) was completed.

NEXT STEPS:

- Following presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment](#)
- [New Course Proposal - PSYC 3070U](#)