

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE:** 27 February 2024

**FROM:** Undergraduate Studies Committee

**SUBJECT:** Minor Program Adjustment – Developmental Psychological Science specialization

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### 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 PSYC 3900U and PSYC 4900U Special Topics courses for credit consideration towards the specialization in Developmental Psychological Science, as determined appropriate on a course by course basis by the Psychology faculty.

This will increase the course selection in the specialization.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

### TRANSITION PLAN:

The additional courses will be available in Fall 2024. Students will be directed to Academic Advising to seek approval.

### 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

Prior discussions with Program Committee and Academic Advising occurred and informal student feedback was received.

**NEXT STEPS:**

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

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Minor Program Adjustment](#)