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COLLEGE Psychology and Liberal Arts

DEPARTMENT Psychology

DEGREE LEVEL B.A., B.S.

PROGRAM TITLE Psychology, Forensic Psychology

TO BE INITIATED WITH CATALOG YEAR 2014-2015

CHANGE REQUESTED FOR □ major program □ minor program

Major/Minor Code

Date change to be initiated must be for a future academic year.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED CHANGES Attach a more detailed description and any supporting documentation

Changes requested for Psychology, B.A. (7144), Psychology B.S. (7141), and Forensic Psychology, B.A. (7146). See attached memo.

Appraisals: On completion of appropriate department approvals, submit form to Chair, Graduate Council, or Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, for approval below and forward to the Office of the Registrar

[Signatures and dates]

Chair, Graduate Council

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Dean or Associate Dean

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RGR-104-611
Memo

To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
From: Vanessa Edkins
Date: 4/19/13
Re: Changing Degree Requirements: Psychology B.A., Psychology B.S., Forensic Psychology B.A.

NOTE: When evaluating the changes made to the Forensic Psychology, B.A., please refer to the online digital catalog and not the printed catalog (http://www.fit.edu/programs/ugrad/ba_forensic_psychology).

Internship Sequence (Psychology B.A., Psychology B.S., and Forensic Psychology, B.A.):

The psychology internship sequence has been altered, with approval from the QEPIC and the UGCC. The current catalog degree curriculum outline needs to be updated with the various changes approved during this academic year. For all three degrees listed above:

- Course PSY 4514 replaces PSY 3513 (October UGCC meeting)
- Course PSY 4514 now represents the sole “Q” course for the degrees (October UGCC meeting; QEPIC approval was included in the documentation sent to UGCC); previously this was addressed in our three course internship sequence PSY 3999 (Scholarly Project Planning Seminar, 1 credit), PSY 4000 (Field Internship, 3 credits), and PSY 4001 (Applied Research Analysis Seminar, 1 credit).
- The prior internship sequence (PSY 3999, PSY 4000, and PSY 4001) was structured to accommodate a research project, and this is no longer necessary with PSY 4514 fulfilling the “Q” requirement.

Returning our internship to its previous purpose as a qualitative introduction to various psychology-related fields and professions, we replaced PSY 3999 as the pre-requisite for the internship class (PSY 4000) with PSY 4512 Personal and Professional Development (February UGCC meeting) and are proposing that the new internship sequence consist of PSY 4512 Personal and Professional Development (3 credits) and PSY 4000 (3 credits).

Changes to the program plan curriculum outline based on above alterations:

- Remove PSY 3999 and PSY 4001; insert PSY 4512 to occur one semester prior to PSY 4000
- One less free elective credit; the old internship sequence was 5 credits total, the new sequence is 6 credits
- Remove PSY 3513 and insert PSY 4514. The new PSY 4514 is more rigorous than the previous PSY 3513, in order to meet the QEP standards; thus, we put Senior Year, Fall semester as the new suggested semester.
Requiring PSY 3421 Learning and Motivation (Psychology B.A., Psychology B.S., and Forensic Psychology, B.A.):

PSY 3421 Learning and Motivation currently fulfills a “Natural Science Bases” requirement for all three degrees, and is listed as a required course for some of the concentrations. Evaluating our current practice, we found that virtually every single psychology student is taking this class. Requiring PSY 3421 solidifies what is already in practice. This has been added to the Junior Year for all three degree curriculum plans.

Concentration Requirements (Psychology B.A. and Psychology B.S. degrees only):

Currently, Psychology B.A. and B.S. students are required to complete 21 credits toward a psychology concentration area (including psychology and non-psychology courses deemed relevant to the specific area of study) and 6 credit hours of psychology classes that are deemed “Social Science Based” and 6 credit hours of “Natural Science Based” classes (“Experimental” is the term employed in the catalog, internally we use the more fitting “Natural Science” since these classes are differentiated from the others because of the reliance on the biological sciences. Additionally, all psychology courses/subject areas rely on experimentally based research findings, making the “experimental” classification misleading). The concentration areas outlined in the catalog are vague in their descriptions of specific coursework required for graduation. Since all students taking PSY 3421 (Natural Science Based course), we are technically requiring 21 concentration credits, 6 credits of social science bases, and 3 credits of natural science bases. We propose wrapping all 30 credits into “Concentration Courses” consisting of subject-specific required courses, social science and natural science based courses (some of which may be fulfilled by the required course), and concentration electives that are specific to the area of study.

Changes to the program plan curriculum outline (for Psychology B.A. and Psychology B.S. only):

- Degree descriptions changed to reflect that students will have a 21-credit common psychology core and 30 credits of concentration-related courses
- Previous designations of “Psychology Bases” in the program plan are now all deemed “Concentration Courses”
- Concentrations listed have been changed to reflect current offerings: animal learning and behavior, applied behavior analysis, clinical/counseling psychology, forensic psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, neuropsychology, social-cultural, and sport psychology
- Following the curriculum map, where the catalog would previously define our “Social Science Bases” and “Experimental Science Bases” courses, instead we offer detailed descriptions of each concentration, and the courses required for that concentration
Psychology, B.A.

Major Code: 7144
Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Age Restriction: N
Admission status: undergraduate
Delivery Mode/s: classroom only
Location/s: main campus

Program Chair
Vanessa Edkins, Ph.D.

The bachelor’s programs in psychology provide both a solid basis for graduate training in all areas of psychology, and a liberal arts and sciences education to students planning other careers or professions, such as law or business.

The B.A. degree is designed for students whose interests are primarily in the social sciences and humanities. Students consult with their faculty advisers to select the degree program most appropriate to their interests and goals.

Degree Requirements
Candidates for a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology must successfully complete 120 credit hours. The undergraduate psychology degree programs are designed to allow students to customize their coursework to meet their specific interests and needs. Coursework within the psychology major includes a 21-hour psychology core and an additional 30-hour psychology concentration that includes courses in psychology and other areas that are deemed appropriate to the students’ intellectual goals and interests in psychology. The concentration must be approved by the undergraduate program chair.

Restricted Electives
The Restricted Elective in a foreign language requires two semesters of a foreign language other than a student’s home language. No courses with the prefix PSY or PSF, other than PSY 2444, can be used as the Social Science Elective. Life Science Electives include biology, ecology, and EDS 1032. Physical Science Electives include chemistry, geology, meteorology, physics, space sciences and EDS 1031. Communication Electives may be satisfied by any COM 2000-level or above courses, foreign languages or linguistics.

A list of concentrations and related courses follow the undergraduate psychology program plans in this section.

Courses are offered in the department to facilitate several concentrations: animal learning and behavior, applied behavior analysis, clinical/counseling psychology, forensic psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, neuropsychology, social-cultural, and sport psychology. In special cases, students may also design their own concentrations appropriate to pursuing postgraduate education in law, medical fields, business and the experimental fields of psychology. Students are encouraged to pursue minors in other disciplines, such as business administration, communication or biology.
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Psychology, B.S.

Major Code: 7141
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Admission status: undergraduate
Delivery Mode/s: classroom only
Location/s: main campus

Program Chair
Vanessa Edkins, Ph.D.

The B.S. degree is designed for students oriented toward the natural sciences and mathematics. Students consult with their faculty advisers to select the degree program most appropriate to their interests and goals.

Degree Requirements

Candidates for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology must successfully complete 120 credit hours as indicated in the suggested curriculum below. No courses with the prefix PSY or PSF, other than PSY 2444, can be used as the Social Science Elective. Technical Electives exclude mathematics courses below the 2000 level.

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TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED 120

Concentrations and Suggested Courses

Students have the option to choose one of the following concentrations to provide depth within one of the subdisciplines of psychology:

Animal learning and behavior

The concentration in animal learning and behavior allows students the opportunity to pursue specialized knowledge and skills in animal learning and training. Courses in both biological sciences and behavior analysis emphasize biological bases of behavior and species-typical learning as well as standard principles of training that cross species lines. The culmination of the program is an internship within a facility or institution that emphasizes animal training, husbandry or education of the public in these areas. Previous graduates have earned internships at nationally and internationally known facilities such as Oahu’s Sea Life Park, Dolphin Quest Bermuda, Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Chicago’s Shedd Aquarium and the Oregon Coast Aquarium. A minor in biology and S.C.U.B.A. certification are recommended for this degree. Students in this concentration must take BIO 1010 and BIO 1020.

Concentration Required Courses:
PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology 3
PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception 3
PSY 4521 Animal Learning and Behavior 3
BEH 3465 Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis 3
BIO 4550 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy 4

Concentration Social Science Bases (6 credit hours):
PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging 3
PSY 3531 Child Psychology 3
PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality 3
PSY 3761 Abnormal Psychology 3
PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3

Concentration Electives (9 credit hours):
BIO 2110 General Genetics 4
BIO 3210 Mammalian Physiology (requires CHM2001) 4
BIO 3410 General Ecology (requires BIO 2801) 4
BIO 3701 Evolution (requires BIO 2110) 3
BIO 4412 Ornithology (requires BIO 3410) 4
BIO 4530 Biology of Fishes (requires BIO 3410) 4
BIO 4641 Biology of Marine Mammals 3
ISC 1162 Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology 3
PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application 3
BEH 3466 Behavior Change Techniques 3
Applied behavior analysis

The concentration in applied behavior analysis prepares undergraduate students for the associate certification in behavior analysis (BCABA) that permits career opportunities in facilities and with organizations that emphasize behavioral interventions. In the ABA concentration, special emphasis is given to principles of behavioral analysis and intervention strategies, particularly in working with children who have developmental disabilities. Internship opportunities under the supervision of licensed board-certified behavior analysts are available at Florida Tech’s Scott Center for Autism Treatment. In addition to the bachelor’s degree career opportunities, psychology graduates with this concentration have been successful in attaining acceptance in applied master’s degree and Ph.D. programs.

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- BEH 3465 Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis 3
- BEH 3466 Behavior Change Techniques 3
- BEH 4560 Behaviorism and Contemporary Society 3
- PSY 2800 Introduction to Behavior Analysis 3
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology 3

**Concentration Social Science Bases (3 credit hours):**
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging 3
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3
- PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality 3
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology 3
- PSY 3543 Psychology of the Workplace 3

**Concentration Electives (12 credits):**
- BEH 3401 Ethical and Professional Conduct in Behavioral Analysis (recommended for those seeking certification as a BCaBA) 1
- BEH 4025 Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Interventions 3
- PSF 4551 Principles of Individual and Community Advocacy 3
- PSF 4791 Critical Issues in Child Advocacy (requires PSY 3551) 3
- PSY 1461 Psychology of Adjustment and Personal Growth 3
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology 3
- PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application 3
- PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception 3
- PSY 3551 Introduction to Child Advocacy 3
- PSY 3761 Abnormal Psychology 3
- PSY 4462 Clinical and Community Psychology 3
- PSY 4521 Animal Learning and Behavior 3

Clinical/counseling psychology

The clinical/counseling concentration exposes students to courses and field placements that emphasize the assessment and treatment of mental and emotional disorders as well as disorders of adjustment and substance abuse. Students interested in pursuing postgraduate study in clinical, counseling or school psychology, or in obtaining employment in a mental health or social service agency after graduation, should study in areas that will familiarize them with these occupations and build basic skills. Such areas of study include substance abuse, abnormal psychology, clinical psychology, professional ethics and assessment techniques.

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3
- PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality 3
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology 3
- PSY 3761 Abnormal Psychology 3
PSY 4462 Clinical and Community Psychology

**Concentration Developmental Psychology Bases (3 credits):**
- PSY 2000 Lifespan Development
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology

**Concentration Electives (12 credits):**
- BEH 3465 Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis
- PSF 4551 Principles of Individual and Community Advocacy
- PSF 4562 Forensic Clinical Psychology
- PSF 4791 Critical Issues in Child Advocacy (requires PSY 3551)
- PSY 1461 Psychology of Adjustment and Personal Growth
- PSY 1462 Substance Abuse
- PSY 1463 Human Sexuality
- PSY 2413 Research Experience
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 2444 Cross-Cultural and Ethnic Psychology
- PSY 2445 Psychology of Women
- PSY 2446 Sport Psychology
- PSY 2541 Group Behavior
- PSY 2800 Introduction to Behavior Analysis
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology
- PSY 3551 Introduction to Child Advocacy
- PSY 4413 Undergraduate Research

**Forensic**

Forensic psychology can be defined as anything that involves the intersection of psychology and the legal system. Some forensic psychologists have a background in clinical psychology and focus on things like assessing people charged with crimes to determine competency to stand trial or whether or not the individual was legally insane at the time of the incident. Other forensic psychologists may focus on research applied to the justice system, studying such topics as eyewitness identification procedures (and errors), police interrogation procedures, police selection and assessment, confessions and false confessions, and jury decision-making, to name a few. Recent students have interned with law enforcement officers, jail staff, attorneys, treatment providers in pretrial diversion treatment programs, child and victim advocates, FBI Behavior Analysts, and researchers in criminology. These internships allow for studies of the impact of interventions and procedures on recidivism, trial outcomes, and etiology of criminal behaviors.

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- PSF 2551 Survey of Forensic Psychology (requires SOC 1551)
- PSF 3551 Integrated Theories of Crime
- SOC 1551 Introduction to American Criminal Justice

**Concentration Social Science Bases (6 credits):**
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 2444 Cross-Cultural and Ethnic Psychology
- PSY 2541 Group Behavior
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology
- PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology
- PSY 3541 Psychology of Leadership
- PSY 3543 Psychology of the Workplace
- PSY 4541 Culture and Psychology (requires PSY 3441 and PSY 3442)
**Concentration Natural Science Bases (3 credits):**
- AHF 3101 Introduction to Human Factors 3
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology 3
- PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application 3
- PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception 3
- PSY 4521 Animal Learning and Behavior 3

**Concentration Electives (12 credits):**
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**Industrial/organizational psychology**

Students who plan to enter business directly after graduation, or apply to an MBA program or to a graduate program in personnel or industrial/organizational psychology should select courses in psychology and business that will help define their interests, prepare them for graduate school admission or develop skills. Some useful areas of study include psychology of the workplace, business law, management, human resource management, and organizational behavior. Students who choose this concentration are encouraged to add a minor in business administration.

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- PSY 2541 Group Behavior 3
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3
- PSY 3541 Psychology of Leadership 3
- PSY 3543 Psychology of the Workplace 3
- BUS 3501 Management Principles 3

**Concentration Social Science Bases (3 credits):**
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**Concentration Business Bases (6 credits):**
- BUS 2601 Legal and Social Environments of Business 3
- BUS 3503 Human Resource Management 3
- BUS 3801 Cross-Cultural Management 3
- BUS 4502 Organizational Behavior and Theory 3

**Concentration Elective (3 credits):**
- PSY xxxx Any psychology class (2000-level or above) 3

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**Neuropsychology**
The bachelor's degree in Psychology with a concentration in Neuropsychology introduces students to the complex area of brain-behavior interactions. The combination of coursework and internship prepares students for graduate programs in neuroscience, cognitive neuropsychology, and clinical neuropsychology. Areas of emphasis include the study of dementing illnesses, sport-related concussion, visuo-spatial cognitive processing and eyetracking research. Students in this concentration are strongly encouraged to pursue a B.S. degree and to consider a minor in Biology or Biochemistry. Research opportunities for students who concentrate in neuropsychology include the study of dementing illnesses at the East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic, investigation of the biomechanics of sport-related concussion as well as valid baseline and post-trauma measures at the Florida Tech Neuropsychology Laboratory, visuospatial cognitive processing and brain-computer interfaces at the Cognition Applied Research Laboratory.

**Students in this concentration must take BIO 1010 and BIO 1020.**

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology 3
- PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application 3
- PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception 3
- PSY 3761 Abnormal Psychology 3
- PSF 4562 Forensic Clinical Psychology 3

**Concentration Social Science Bases (6 credits):**
- PSF 2551 Survey of Forensic Psychology (requires SOC 1551) 3
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging 3
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3
- PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality 3
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology 3
- PSY 4462 Clinical and Community Psychology 3

**Concentration Electives (9 credits):**
- AHF 3101 Introduction to Human Factors 3
- BIO 2110 General Genetics 4
- BIO 3210 Mammalian Physiology (requires CHM2001) 4
- BIO 4550 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy 4
- BME 3240 Computational Methods for Biological Systems (requires BIO 1010 and MTH 2201) 3
- CSE 1001 Fundamentals of Software Development I (requires MTH 1000) 4
- CSE 1010 Ideas and Impact of Computing (requires MTH1000) 3
- ISC 1162 Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology 3
- MTH 3051 Combinatorics and Graph Theory (requires MTH 10001, CSE 1400 or MTH 2051) 3
- MTH 4320 Neural Networks (requires CSE 1502 or CSE 1503 or CSE 2050 and MTH 2201) 3

**Social-Cultural**

The social-cultural concentration is a good choice for those preparing for graduate school and those interested in social psychology, sociology, social work, business, etc. Some internship possibilities include: a study abroad project; work in a local program for minorities; participation in a political action organization or a nonprofit community organization; work at a Nongovernmental Organization (NGO) in the US or abroad; a volunteer abroad program; or a theoretical research project.

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- PSY 2444 Cross-Cultural and Ethnic Psychology 3
- PSY 2541 Group Behavior 3
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3
PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality

**Concentration Social Science Bases (3 credits):**
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology
- PSY 3541 Psychology of Leadership
- PSY 3543 Psychology of the Workplace

**Concentration Natural Science Bases (3 credits):**
- AIF 3101 Introduction to Human Factors
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology
- PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application
- PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception
- PSY 4521 Animal Learning and Behavior

**Concentration Electives (12 credits):**
- PSY xxxx Any Psychology class (2000-level or above)

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**Sport psychology**

Students looking forward to graduate programs in sport psychology or careers in coaching or training will take courses that are foundational to these pursuits such as physiological psychology, leadership, group behavior and sport psychology, and applied sport psychology. These classroom experiences, combined with practical training and research, give students a view of the various opportunities within this growing field as well as preparation for advanced study or practice. A minor in education is encouraged for those interested in working in secondary education.

**Concentration Required Courses:**
- PSY 2446 Sport Psychology
- PSY 2800 Introduction to Behavior Analysis
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology
- PSY 3441 Social Psychology
- PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality
- PED 2161 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries

**Concentration Social Science Bases (3 credits):**
- PSY 2442 Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 3531 Child Psychology
- PSY 3761 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 4462 Clinical and Community Psychology

**Concentration Natural Science Bases (3 credits):**
- PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application
- PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception

**Concentration Electives (6 credits):**
- BEH 3465 Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis
- BEH 3466 Behavior Change Techniques (requires BEH 3465)
- BUS 3509 Introduction to Sports Management (requires BUS 3501)
- ISC 1162 Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology
- PED 2160 Coaching Theory
- PSY 2444 Cross-Cultural and Ethnic Psychology
- PSY 2445 Psychology of Women
- PSY 2541 Group Behavior
- PSY 3541 Psychology of Leadership
- PSY 3543 Psychology of the Workplace
- PSY 3551 Introduction to Child Advocacy
Forensic Psychology, B.A.

Major Code: 7146
Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Age Restriction: N
Admission status: undergraduate
Delivery Mode/s: classroom only
Location/s: main campus

Program Chair
Vanessa Edkins, Ph.D.

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in forensic psychology is a unique program designed to provide knowledge and skills in preparation for careers in several areas of criminal justice in the context of a firm foundation in basic psychology. Graduates of this program can pursue careers in criminal justice professions, such as crime analysts, police or probation officers and victim advocates, and in nonprofit and social service agencies that coordinate efforts with legal/justice systems, such as domestic violence shelters and victim’s rights groups. Some graduates may choose to pursue graduate study in criminal justice, forensic psychology, criminology or law.

The forensic psychology program emphasizes skills in crime analysis (tracking patterns and social correlates of criminal activity), crime prevention, and community liaison work among legal, law enforcement and social service agencies. Statistical analysis, program development and program evaluation are some of the competencies students are expected to acquire. Students in this program perform an internship in a criminal justice organization.

Degree Requirements

Candidates for a Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology must successfully complete 120 credit hours as indicated in the suggested curriculum below.

Restricted Electives

The Restricted Elective in a foreign language requires two semesters of a foreign language other than a student’s home language. PSY and PSF courses other than PSY 2444 cannot be used as the Social Science Elective. PSF 3511, PSF 3512, PSF 4515 (if different topic is chosen), PSF 4551, PSY3551 and PSY 4511 may be used as restricted electives (PSF). Communication Electives may be satisfied by any COM 2xxx, 3xxx or 4xxx courses, foreign languages or linguistics.

Curriculum

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**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED** 120

*Students are required to choose two courses from the social science bases list and one course from the experimental science bases list.

Psychology Bases

**Social Science Bases**
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- PSY 3441 Social Psychology 3
- PSY 3442 Psychology of Personality 3
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**Experimental Science Bases**
- PSY 3423 Physiological Psychology 3
- PSY 3522 Human Cognition: Theory and Application 3
- PSY 3524 Sensation and Perception 3
- PSY 4521 Animal Learning and Behavior 3