

Notification of Request for Authorization under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act

Date posted: December 11, 2012
Institution: Old Dominion University
Current status: Authorized to offer and advertise degree programs in Washington State
Nature of request: Authorization to advertise and recruit for an additional degree program offered exclusively via distance learning
Proposed program: Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Background:

Old Dominion University is a state-supported public university based in Norfolk, Virginia. It offers bachelors and masters programs to military personnel throughout the country. It has been authorized to offer degree programs in Washington State since 1998.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer new degree programs in Washington State, the Washington Student Achievement Council /Degree Authorization reviews elements such as program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

The program to be offered by Old Dominion University appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional program can be found at the end of this notice.

Timeline:

The Council will accept comments on this application until December 26, 2012.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the program does not meet the authorization requirements of WAC 250-61 are requested to submit comments to:

[Degree Authorization](#).

If you would like to know more about the current law and regulations that govern the program, they can be found at the following links: the statute is [RCW 28B.85](#) and the regulation is [WAC 250-61](#).

Program Title:

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (degree completion program)

Program Outcomes:

“Students will be able to identify the components of a research paper and recognize the appropriate use of APA format in the presentation of research findings. Students will be able to identify and apply basic theories and concepts in psychology. Students will be able to identify, interpret, and apply basic research designs and statistics as they are applied to psychological questions.”

Number of Credits: 120 semester credits

Admission requirements specific to this program:

Most students will enter with an associate degree, however, if the student does not have an associate degree, they may complete lower level general education courses at a local community college while enrolled at Old Dominion University.

General Education Requirements: (44-50 credits)

Composition (6 credits)

Literature (3 credits)

Communication (3 credits)

Mathematics (3 credits)

Humanities and Social Sciences (15 credits)

Technology (6 credits)

Natural Science (8 credits)

Language and Culture (0-6 credits) - this requirement can be met or waived for students who: attended high school prior to 1985; have taken high school foreign language courses (third level for one language or second level of each of two languages); have earned an associate degree from an approved university-parallel program; have completed a bachelors program from a regionally-accredited institution; or have a native language other than English

Required Courses: (all courses are 3 credits each unless otherwise noted)

Core courses: (11 credits)

PSYC 201S Introduction to Psychology

PSYC 317 Quantitative Methods (4 credits)

PSYC 318W Research Methods in Psychology (4 credits)

Area I: Foundation Courses: (3 credits)

Students choose one course from the following:

PSYC 410 Human Cognition

PSYC 413 Sensation and Perception

PSYC 414 Principles of Learning

PSYC 424 Physiological Psychology

PSYC 430 Animal Behavior

Students must then choose at least one course from three of the remaining five areas: (9 credits)

Area II: Developmental

PSYC 321 Psychology of the Exceptional Child

PSYC 322 The Psychology of Adolescence

PSYC 334 Social Development

PSYC 351 Child Psychology

PSYC 352 Cognitive Development During Childhood

PSYC 353 The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging

Area III: Social/Personality

PSYC 304 Social Psychology

PSYC 308 Positive Psychology

PSYC 311 Psychology of Criminal Behavior

PSYC 363 Psychology of Sex

PSYC 408 Theories of Personality

Area IV: Clinical

PSYC 306 Health Psychology

PSYC 325 Drugs and Behavior

PSYC 405 Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 412 Psychological tests

PSYC 461 Drug Abuse and Dependence

Area V: Cultural Context

PSYC 323 Psychology of Women

PSYC 403 History of Psychology

PSYC 420 Cross-Cultural Psychology

PSYC 431 Community Psychology

PSYC 460 Psychology of African Americans

Area VI: Industrial/Organizational

PSYC 303 Industrial/Organizational Psychology

PSYC 343 Personnel Psychology

PSYC 344 Human Factors

PSYC 345 Organizational Psychology

Psychology Electives: (15 credits)

Upper Division General Education courses: (6 credits)

Students may take any two 300 or 400 level courses from the Colleges of Arts & Letters, Business & Public Administration, Education, Engineering & Technology, or Health Sciences.

Free Electives: (sufficient to fulfill the overall requirement of 120 credits total)