

## **Policy and Procedures for Students Interested in Taking Psychology Graduate Courses**

Because graduate students and non-degree students from a variety of programs are often interested in enrolling in graduate courses in the Psychology Department, I would like to clarify our policy and procedures related to such enrollment. The policy is stated at the beginning of the listing of graduate courses in the Schedule of Courses: "If you are not a regular graduate student in the Department of Psychology the instructor's permission is required for all graduate courses." Graduate courses in psychology are designed for regular degree-seeking psychology students, although it may be occasionally appropriate to admit other students. For example, Doctoral students in Counseling Psychology may take certain courses in the Psychology Department to meet the requirements of APA accreditation. Note, however, that an instructor permit is still required.

In general, non-psychology graduate students are discouraged from taking large numbers of our courses, and from taking certain advanced courses and therapy courses. In addition, some instructors may, at their discretion, choose to limit particular courses to regular psychology graduate students. Many of our courses are only part of a much more extensive program of training and socialization designed to prepare students for professional careers as scientists (and practitioners, in the case of clinical psychology students), and we feel that it would be inappropriate for us to allow outside students to take just selected parts of that program.

Thus, if you wish to take any graduate course in the Psychology Department, you must directly contact the instructor of the course. If the instructor is willing to allow you to enroll in the course, the instructor will give you a permit.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this policy. Thank you for your cooperation.