University at Albany – State University of New York

College of Arts and Sciences  Course and Program Action Form  Proposal No. 10-054

Please check one:  [ ] Course Proposal  [x] Program Proposal

Please mark all that apply:

- New Course  Revision of:  [ ] Number  [x] Description
- Cross-Listing  [x] Title  [ ] Prerequisites
- Shared-Resources Course  [ ] Credits
- Deactivate/Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)  [x] Other (specify): Application requirements

Department:  [program]  Effective Semester, Year: Fall 2010

Course Number  Current:  [___________]  New:  [___________]  Credits:  [___________]

Course Title:  

Course Description to appear in Bulletin:

Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:

If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course, check here:  [ ]

This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###):

This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###):

Explanation of proposal:

The GRE Subject Test in Psychology is currently required for applicants to the biopsychology/behavioral neuroscience program. It is proposed that this requirement be dropped. Much of the content of the GRE Subject Test in Psychology is not highly germane to the course of study in the biopsychology program. Also, many applicants to the program have undergraduate degrees in biology or neuroscience, and are applying to doctoral programs in various life sciences disciplines (including psychology). They may not have been exposed to a large portion of the material on the Subject Test in psychology and thus might be hesitant to apply to our program.

See attached SUNY Graduate Academic Program Proposal, Appendix E – Revision to Existing Graduate Program Form

Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:

Chair of Proposing Department

[Signature]  4/06/2010

Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s)

[Copy of e-mail approval on following page]  Date  Dean of College  Date

Gregory Stevens

4/08/10

Chair of Academic Programs Committee

Date  Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies  Date

James Harlan  4/18/10

Form: CAS Course and Program Action Form (revised 2/24/10)
Appendix E: Revision to Existing Graduate Program

1. **Program Title:** Biopsychology  
   Award: PHD  
   SED Program Code: 91589  
   The program does not lead to teacher certification or New York State licensure.

2. **Proposed Change:** Submission of scores on the GRE Subject Test in Psychology is optional.

   **Rationale:** Many applicants to the program may have undergraduate concentrations or degrees in neuroscience, and are applying to doctoral programs in various life sciences disciplines (including psychology). They may not have been exposed to all of the material on the advanced GRE in psychology and thus might be hesitant to apply to our program. Also, most of the programs that we compete with for students do not require the Advanced GRE and thus qualified students may be reluctant to apply if we are unique in requiring the Advanced GRE.

3. The curriculum for the program has not changed.

4. **N/A.** No new courses are proposed.

5. **N/A.** No new faculty are required.

6. **N/A.** No additional costs are needed.

7. **Date of change:** We would like the change to become effective as soon as possible, upon State registration update.