### College of Arts and Sciences  
#### Course and Program Action Form  

**Proposal No.** 10-055  

**Please check one:**  
- [ ] Course Proposal  
- [X] Program Proposal  

**Please mark all that apply:**  
- [ ] New Course  
- [ ] Cross-Listing  
- [ ] Shared-Resources Course  
- [ ] Deactivate/Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)  
- [ ] Other (specify): Application requirements  

**Department:** Psychology (Social/Personality PhD program)  
**Effective Semester, Year:** Fall 2010  

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<th>Course Number</th>
<th>Current:</th>
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**Course Title:**  

**Course Description to appear in Bulletin:**  

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**Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:**  

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**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 ###):**  

**Explanations of proposal:**  

The GRE Subject Test in Psychology is currently required for applicants to the social/personality Ph.D. program. It is proposed that this requirement be dropped.  

Less than half of the doctoral programs in psychology require the GRE Subject Test, and the percentage of programs requiring it is decreasing each year. Many of the programs that we compete with for students do not require the Subject Test in psychology and thus qualified students may be reluctant to apply if we are unique in requiring it.  

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:  

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**Chair of Proposing Department**  

**Date**  

4/9/2010  

**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 |      |   |
| 4/9/10 | Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies |     |   |

**Chair of Academic Programs Committee**  

**Date**  

4/9/10  

**Dean Horton**  

4/9/10  

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Form: CAS Course and Program Action Form (revised 2/24/10)
1. **Program Title:** Social/Personality Psychology  
   Award: PHID  
   SED Program Code: 91592  
   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:** Less than half of the doctoral programs in psychology require the GRE Subject Test [see John C. Norcross, "GRBs and GPAs: The Numbers Game in Graduate Admissions", Eye on Psi Chi (Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 10-11), 1997 <http://www.psichi.org/pubs/articles/article_158.asp>, and the percentage of programs requiring it is decreasing each year. Many of the programs that we compete with for students do not require the Subject Test in psychology and thus qualified students may be reluctant to apply if we are unique in requiring it.

3. The curriculum for the program has not changed.

4. N/A. No new course 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.