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Administrative Boards of the College of  
Arts and Sciences and the General College  
UNC, Chapel Hill

Dear Members of the College Administrative Boards:

I am writing to request a change in the out-of-department requirements for the B.S. degree in Psychology. At present, B.S. Psychology majors are required to satisfy the supplementary general education requirement that is required of students who complete the B.A. degree. Our Undergraduate Studies Committee has asked that this supplementary requirement be dropped in order to make the B.S. Psychology degree more consistent with other B.S. degrees in the College.

Degree requirements listed in the Psychology Department section of the Undergraduate Bulletin will remain unchanged. However, text in the Undergraduate Bulletin that describes General Education requirements reads as follows:

Students who pursue a bachelor of arts degree (or a bachelor of science with a major in psychology) also must satisfy a Supplemental General Education requirement. The intent of this requirement is to broaden a student's perspective on the major by examining its relationship to work in at least one other field. Students may fulfill the Supplemental General Education requirement in three ways:

- By completing a second major or a minor; or
- By completing three courses (nine hours) above 199 that are offered outside the home department or curriculum of the first major. These three courses can neither be used to fulfill the requirements of the first major nor be cross-listed with courses that a student has used to satisfy major requirements; or
- By completing a concentration outside a professional school as part of the degree requirements for graduating from the school.

Please delete the text in parentheses: (or a bachelor of science with a major in psychology). Students who have already declared a B.S. Psychology major and who plan to graduate in Spring 2013 or later may also opt not to complete the supplementary requirement if they choose. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Professor Beth Kurtz-Costes, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Psychology