Changes in Psychology and Social Behavior

Course numbering changes
New version of PSB major beginning Fall 2009
Psychology and Social Behavior

- Why has PSB changed all the course numbers?
  - Beginning Fall 2009 the PSB Department has introduced a new version of the major – the 2009 – 2010 version.

- Why another new version of the PSB major?
  - To align PSB’s undergraduate curriculum with the curriculum in UCI’s PhD program.
Do I have to follow the new 2009 - 2010 version?

- No, it is your choice – you can follow the version you have been following -OR- you can choose the new version... it is up to you.

Catalogue Rights Policy

- This policy allows you to choose which version (catalogue year) of the PSB major you wish. Visit UCI’s General Catalogue for the full policy.
PSB Course Number Changes

How do I know which course numbers to choose?

- Use the PSB Course Number Conversion Chart
- Use the PSB Fall 2009 Class Schedule flyer

Let’s take a moment and look at the Fall 2009 Course Schedule in WebSOC.
PSB Degree Requirement Info. Sheets

- **Discard ALL old PSB Degree Requirement Info. Sheets**

- **Why?**
  - The newly designed PSB Degree Requirement Info. Sheets have BOTH the new and old course numbers listed on them.
  - Using ONLY the new Degree Requirement Info. Sheets is mandatory beginning May 2009.

New Degree Requirement Info. Sheets can be found in Social Ecology’s Student Services office or can be printed from our website.
C107 “Deviance”

- Beginning Summer 2009, C107 “Deviance” can no longer count in the PSB major and has been removed from the list of choices.
  - Students who have completed the course prior to Summer 2009 can still count it in the PSB major.

- Why was it removed?
  - It was never actually an approved PSB class in the catalogue. PSB was unsuccessful in cross-listing the class for Fall 2009.
2009 – 2010 highlights

- 18 classes (same as previous versions)
- Improved course numbering system
- Improved course organization within major
- More course selections in all specialty areas
- Core classes taught twice per year

Only students enrolled in Fall 2009 or after can choose the 2009 – 2010 PSB major. Students graduating in Spring or Summer 2009 are not eligible.
## 2009 – 2010 vs. 2008 - 2009

### 2009 – 2010 PSB Major
- 18 total classes
  - 5 School Requirements
  - 3 Psychology Fundamentals
  - 4 Core
  - 6 Additional classes with 3 classes chosen from 3 of 4 Groups

### 2008 – 2009 PSB Major
- 18 total classes
  - 5 School Requirements
  - 3 Psychology Fundamentals
  - 3 Core
  - 7 Additional classes with 3 classes chosen from 3 Specialty areas

2009 – 2010 PSB Major
- 18 total classes
  - 5 School Requirements
  - 3 Psychology Fundamentals
  - 4 Core
  - 6 Additional classes with 3 classes chosen from 3 of 4 Groups

2006 – 2007 PSB Major
- 18 total classes
  - 8 School Requirements
  - 3 Core
  - 7 Additional classes with 3 classes chosen from 3 Specialty areas
Which version is best for you?

- I am not sure if I should choose the new 2009 – 2010 version or stay with my current version... how do I decide?

- Make your decision based on how far along you are in completing the major...
Which version is best for you?

- **If you have not begun taking upper division classes yet**
  - It is best to follow the new 2009 – 2010 version

- **If you have completed most of the upper division classes in your PSB major**
  - It is probably best to stay in your current version

- **If you have completed about ½ of the upper division classes in your PSB major**
  - Analyze where those classes would “fit” in each version and decide from there – or ask a counselor for help

Newly admitted UCI students should choose the new 2009 – 2010 version.
If you still need help deciding...

- Visit our Student Services Office for a walk-in or advanced appointment located in SE1, Room 102

- The Student Services Office thanks you!