WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY NOTIFICATIONS

Date 10/3/2013 Department **PSYCHOLOGY** If the proposed curricular change involves existing courses and is considered a Notification, complete and submit this form. Refer to Regulation 3-4, Policy for Changing the Curriculum, for complete information on submitting proposals for curricular changes. Please check type of change(s): Change in hours or credits in an independent study course Change in grading option Reduction in course number Change in course description* X Change in existing major, minor, option, concentration, etc.* Change in course title Change in course number within level, e.g. 310 to 350 _____Change in delivery method Change in prerequisites **Current** Course Information Credits Course Title Course No. Graduate Course Undergraduate Course This proposal is for a(n) Minor Applies to Required Elective Elective Prerequisites Grade and P/NC Option P/NC only Grade only Grading Frequency of offering Proposed Course Information. (Please indicate only proposed changes below.) Credits Course Title Course No. Prerequisites Grade and P/NC Option P/NC only Grade only Grading Frequency of offering Effective date (normally the next semester) IMMEDIATELY. FALL 2013 *If the proposal requests a change in the course description, please attach a description of the change requested and list both the current and proposed course description. If the proposal requests a change in an existing major, minor, option, concentration, etc., please attach a description of the change(s) requested and list both the current proposed program listings. Approved by the Department JJOHANSON@WINONA.EDU e-mail address Notification to the College Dean Presented at A2C2 meeting on Presented at Graduate Council Chair of Graduate Council Date meeting on (if applicable) Registrar: Please notify department chair via e-mail that Submitted to Registrar on Notification has been recorded. *If a dean has comments on a notification, the dean shall forward the comments to the department. [Revised 7-13-11] SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR EXPLANATION OF CHANGE TO MAJOR.

REVISION TO PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR - BOTH OPTION-A (PSYA) AND OPTION-B (PSYB)

BACKGROUND

This revision addresses a minor technical issue in the calculation of minimum GPA required to earn a bachelor's degree with a major in psychology.

Currently, three different GPAs appear on the DARS report for a student with a major in psychology:

- 1) overall GPA
- 2) GPA in psychology courses
- 3) GPA in courses applied to the psychology major

Although rarely an issue, the presence of the latter two has occasionally been a source of confusion for both students and faculty.

CURRENT

Current catalog copy states the following:

"A minimum GPA of 2.50 is required of majors in all grade-only psychology courses."

Consistent with this statement, the DARS report includes the GPA in all psychology courses and enforces the 2.50 minimum.

REVISED

The new catalog copy will state the following:

"A minimum GPA of 2.50 is required of majors in all grade-only courses applied toward fulfillment of the psychology major requirements."

Consistent with this statement, the DARS report will now only state the GPA in the major and enforce the 2.50 minimum only for that GPA.