

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
Oct 28, 2009

1. Revision of the policy on maximum load at Fort Campbell Campus

Students can only sign up for a maximum of 18 credit hours during the fall and spring terms. Maximum for fall 1 and 2 is 18 and for spring 1 and 2 is 18 hours. The maximum load includes any courses taken on line at another university. Any exceptions must be approved by the advisor, department chair and dean. The university will not accept any more hours than the totals given above regardless of where students are earning the credits.

2. Termination of the Health teaching option in Health and Human Performance major.

This is no longer a viable option. The Health and Physical Education teaching option is still available and is the marketable teaching option.

3. Revision of Psychology Major Requirement (BA and BS)

Optional 3 hr Career Development in Psychology. The previous course was 1 hour and was deemed insufficient to explore career opportunities.

4. Forensic Psychology

Upper division class focused on the application of psychological research and principles to understanding the functioning of the legal and criminal justice system. Elective for Psychology majors.

5. Revision in the MA in Psychology

Concentration in Industrial Organization - replace the thesis or project with a comprehensive written examination. Significant numbers of students agreeing to thesis and/or masters' project are in fact not carrying through and those that do are not doing satisfactory work. Faculty are spending significant amounts of time on theses and projects that are not resulting in quality work. Growth in this area necessitates the amount of time faculty are able to devote to supervising research papers. Outside reviews include criticisms on dishonesty and quality of work from online work at this level. A comprehensive, quantitative based examination will be administered in lieu of theses or projects to judge competency. Audit highlights by outside reviewers indicate the need to assess the students in a more rigorous manner.