

PSYCHOLOGY ARTICULATION COMMITTEE

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFERS (BCCAT)

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Douglas College (New Westminster & Coquitlam)

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1. Institutional Update

- Budgets/Facilities
 - A new research space attached to the Psychology Lab and new equipment has improved our capacity for honours students and faculty wishing to engage in face-to-face research.
- Students/Enrollment
 - In the 2016-17 academic year (Fall, Summer, Winter) we offered 210 instructional sections in our department. Enrollments are steady, with more than 6,000 students in our courses, and we expect similar number of instructional sections in 2017-18.
- Staffing
 - Nicole Vittoz is the new department chair as of January 2017.
 - We have 25 regular full-time faculty, 3 regular part-time faculty and 3 full-time instructional staff.
 - Hiring for 2017-18 – job ads posted on Douglas College employment website. Thanks to increased student demand for psychology courses, and because of a retirement, we are looking for additional regular faculty.

2. Program/Course Update

- 118 students registered in the Associate of Arts (Pre-Bachelor) Degree program in 2016-17, representing a healthy pool of students who will potentially continue on to our BA degrees.
- BA in Applied Psychology is going well:
 - 33 students registered in the BA program in the 2016-17 academic year, which is a similar number as the previous 3 years.
 - The service learning course PSYC 3390 capacity will be doubled for Fall semester 2017 to accommodate the students waiting to complete the course and prevent bottleneck.
- Honours program:
 - In 2016-17, 8 students completed the honours program, with 6 supervisors (4 first-time supervisors). This represents healthy growth.
 - PSYC 3301 – Applied Organizational Research Methods – course now supports honours students during their second semester, when data collection and analysis demands such support.
 - So far 3+ grads are in a graduate program
 - TRU-OL/Douglas College Psychology BA degree program: 61 students registered in 2016-17, down from over 100 in 2013-14.
- To better inform our course offerings and to learn more about students interested in our degree programs, we have launched a Psychology student survey.
- Issues
 - Psychology Student Society has faltered with the graduation of former leaders – hoping to recruit some new student leaders to restart it.

3. Other Items of Interest

- Steve Charlton is organizing the teaching of Psychology conference **VICTOP 2017** this July:
 - Elizabeth Loftus will be offering a talk at the conference as well as at Douglas College New Westminster Campus.