

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFER (BCCAT)

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Course Sections Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015/2016 KPU Psychology = 215 sections total 2016/2017 KPU Psychology = 206 sections total Intro Psych 1100: 53 sections; Intro Psych 1200, 36 sections
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Shayna Rusticus was hired in September 2016 as a full time instructor within the areas of methodology and statistics John Marasigan retired after 25 years of service
Employment Supports Specialty , Douglas College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transfer credit agreement for the ESS program at Douglas College has been approved. Students in the BA and BAA Psychology degree programs at KPU now have the option of completing the 15 credit program at Douglas College, earning the Employment Supports Specialty certificate, and transferring these credits back to KPU.
Honours programs in 120 credits BA, Major in Psychology and BAA in Psychology degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, BA and BAA Psychology students must take 12 credits (2 * 6 credit courses) in addition to the 120 credits required for the program to graduate with an Honours degree. We are currently revising the Honours programs such that students can choose to complete Honours degrees within the 120 credits normally required for these degrees. The proposed changes will bring the Honours program for all three KPU Psychology degrees (i.e., BSC Applied Psychology, BAA in Psychology and BA in Psychology) into alignment. The changes will also ensure that our Honours programs are aligned with other BC and Canadian universities.
Program Review BAA in Psychology BSc in Applied Psychology BA, Major in Psychology	<p>The psychology department is currently undertaking a program review to assess the quality of our three degree program and to ensure that these uphold the following goals of the 2018 Academic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer exceptional learning environments attuned to learners. Increase experiential learning opportunities. Define learning outcomes and methods of demonstrating student capability. Ensure student success and well-being. <p>In September, 2016 the faculty participated in a full day curriculum mapping exercise to lay the groundwork for the program review. Following this, we</p>

	worked closely with IAP to survey internal and external stakeholders (i.e., faculty, potential employers, potential graduate school supervisors, current students, and alumni). The Program Review Committee is currently summarizing these data and preparing a comprehensive Self Study anchored in curriculum review. This step will be followed up with input from the Dean's office, an external review, and an Institutional Response.
Psychology Degree Videos	<p>The Psychology department worked closely with a media company to produce a short, professional video highlighting the key differences between our three Psychology degrees. This video is featured on our departmental website, is shown to first year psychology classes, and has been used as a recruitment tool.</p> <p>http://www.kpu.ca/arts/psychology</p> <p>Over the coming year, the Psychology department will be working to produce a similar video focused on the successes of our alumni.</p>
Writing Intensive Course	The Psychology Department is working with the English Department and the Chair of the Writing Intensive Committee to design a course specifically focused on Writing in the Social Sciences. This course would include a greater focus on the research literature, coverage of APA instead of MLA, etc. with the goal of more adequately preparing students to complete the type of writing assignments required in our degree programs.
Conferences	<p>Vancouver International Conference of Teaching in Psychology (VICTOP)</p> <p>The 6th Biennial Conference Co-hosted by Douglas College, KPU & Langara College. July 27-29, 2017 at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites</p>