

PSYCHOLOGY ARTICULATION COMMITTEE

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

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1. Institutional Update

- **Students/Enrollment**

Psychology courses at VCC are delivered through College Foundations: Humanities at the Broadway campus of VCC. We deliver psychology at the first year level and through adult basic education (Grade 12).

Unfortunately, we are not currently offering Grade 12 Psychology as a survey course as a result of a significant decrease in enrolment (by 30%). The decrease is due to a dearth of funding in this area. It is quite unfortunate and short-sighted in my opinion. But that is the way it is!

Over the past year there has not been much growth in the number of UT psychology sections offered (12 split between 1100 and 1200). Enrolment has been healthy. We anticipate offering more sections in the next academic year.

2. Program/Course Update

- **Curriculum Developments**

VCC is currently focusing its attention in a few areas that will benefit the growth of psychology at our institution:

1. Computer Programming and Environmental Studies are now being taught at the first year level at VCC. These programs are a bridge to programs at SFU. The delivery of these pre-requisite courses is a combined effort of the Science, Math and Humanities departments at the College. Students who successfully complete their first year with VCC will have guaranteed entry to study at SFU in these specialized areas. Psychology is an eligible credit for these programs. As a result, we are seeing an increase in more traditional science oriented students. It makes for an interesting mix.
2. Associate of Arts degree: VCC is currently working on the introduction of this degree program. We have developed outlines for the following courses which can be used in the AA and other degree programs: Abnormal, Research Design In Psychology, Personality, Social and Developmental. Two courses have gone through governance (Abnormal and Research Design) and are currently going through articulation. We hope to offer Abnormal in the Winter term of 2018.

All the best! I hope you have a productive articulation this year. I regret not being able to attend, but I have chosen to work this summer so I can have the fall term off. Who can blame me?

Regards, Wayne Avery