

UGS0235

From: **Benjamin Bruening** <[bruening@udel.edu](mailto:bruening@udel.edu)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 4, 2013 at 12:51 PM  
Subject: Fwd: RE: proposal to change major  
To: [robina@udel.edu](mailto:robina@udel.edu), [fth@udel.edu](mailto:fth@udel.edu), [karren@udel.edu](mailto:karren@udel.edu)

Hi Robin, Fred, Karren,

Here is a letter of support for our proposed changes to the BS in Cog Sci from the chair of Sociology.

Thanks,

Ben

From: "Williams, Kirk R." <[kirkw@art-sci.udel.edu](mailto:kirkw@art-sci.udel.edu)>  
To: "Benjamin Bruening" <[bruening@UDel.Edu](mailto:bruening@UDel.Edu)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2013 11:40:52 -0500  
Subject: RE: proposal to change major

Dear Professor Bruening,

I support your proposal for revising the BS in Cognitive Science, and I also support your inclusion of the SOCI 301 course in Introduction to Sociological Research as an option for satisfying the statistics requirement for this degree. I should mention, however, that the Department will evaluate that course in the coming year and perhaps make some revisions. Nonetheless, I do not expect that any changes to the course would make it no longer relevant to your students concerning the statistics requirement. Let me know if you want to discuss this matter further or need anything else from me.

Best, Kirk

Professor and Chair  
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice  
University of Delaware  
Newark, DE 19716  
[\(302\) 831-2581](tel:(302)831-2581)  
[kirkw@udel.edu](mailto:kirkw@udel.edu)

**From:** Benjamin Bruening [mailto:[bruening@UDel.Edu](mailto:bruening@UDel.Edu)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:07 PM  
**To:** [kirkw@UDel.Edu](mailto:kirkw@UDel.Edu)  
**Subject:** proposal to change major

Dear Professor Williams,

The Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, of which I am chair, is proposing to revise its BS in Cognitive Science. We are adding more options for students to satisfy a statistics requirement. One of the new options we hope to add is SOCI 301. Here are the options we are proposing (one of the following):

MATH 202: Introduction to Statistical Methods II, or  
MATH 205: Statistical Methods, or  
PSYC 209: Measurement and Statistics, or  
SOCI 301: Introduction to Sociological Research, or  
STAT 200: Basic Statistical Practice.

And the full proposal with justification can be found here:

<http://www.facsen.udel.edu/sites/Colleges/ArtsScience/Linguistics/UGS0235APALingCogSciBSReviseMajorCognitiveScience.pdf>

We have been asked for a letter of support from your department for this change. Can I ask you for such a letter (it can be very brief)? We expect any impact on your department to be minimal. Most of our students are also Psych minors, and to satisfy requirements in Psych they need to take either Psych 209 or STAT 200. The vast majority of our students take one of these two courses. We anticipate that very few students will enroll in SOCI 301, but we do want to give students multiple options. If you have any questions or want more details, please let me know.

Thank you,

Benjamin Bruening  
Chair, Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science

--

Benjamin Bruening  
Dept. of Linguistics & Cognitive Science  
University of Delaware  
Newark, DE 19716  
[\(302\) 831-4096](tel:(302)831-4096)