



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: T. Chris Riley-Tillman, Provost and Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Rename Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology – Experiment Psychology

DATE: March 20, 2026

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The attached proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences to rename the Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology – Experiment Psychology program to Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology – Psychological Science has been reviewed by the Provost’s Office and our internal review committee. After careful consideration, we support the proposal.

The proposed name change aims to more accurately capture the diversity of theoretical, methodological, and applied work represented within the program, reflecting the breadth of methodologies used by faculty and students. The proposed name change does not reflect a significant shift in curriculum.

In addition to the name change, the college will follow the Educational Policy and Procedure Manual policy related to CIP code assignment and reassignment processes, which was approved by Faculty Senate in February. The CIP code change request will be processed separately from the attached proposal to rename the program.

The majority of departmental faculty, staff, and graduate students support this proposal, as well as college and campus representatives. We judge the proposal ready for the Senate review process.