

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

CURRICULUM CHANGE

1. **Type of change:** Experimental Course

2.

Department(s)	Psychology
Career	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	Psychology
Course Prefix & Number	PSY 351
Course Title	Preparation for Graduate Programs in the Field of Psychology
Description	Skills and knowledge that is required to apply to graduate programs in psychology and related fields (e.g., social work, and education). It will consist of a series of modules, including topics such as the application process, identifying appropriate programs, financial aid, personal statement writing, and interviewing.
Pre/ Co Requisites	PSY 166, an overall 3.0 GPA, and 18 credits in Psychology
Credits	1
Hours	2
Liberal Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World

3. Rationale:

A review of Psychology majors who do not apply to graduate school indicates that a significant number have the same basic credentials as their peers who successfully matriculated into graduate and professional programs. Many of these same students indicated in a recent survey that they are interested in graduate study. Currently, students learn about graduate study and the application process by speaking with faculty and attending pre-graduate workshops. The goal of this course is to provide a more structured review of graduate study and the application process for Psychology students who are interested in applying to graduate school. It is designed so that students will develop materials such as a personal statement that are required for applying to graduate school.

4. Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):

- Learn the appropriate form of graduate study for a particular career and identify potential programs that offer this training.
- Learn about typical licensing requirements for professional programs.
- Learn about potential sources of financial aid and the costs of graduate study.
- Develop a personal statement.
- Learn the interviewing skills required for an interview.
- Know how to solicit letters of recommendation from individuals who are well positioned to provide a recommendation.

5. Date of Departmental Approval: November 11, 2025