



Program/Concentration Revision Form

(2019)

<p>1.0 Degree Title Specify the two degrees for concurrent degree programs</p> <p>M.Sc.</p> <p>1.1 Major (Subject/Discipline) (30-char. max.)</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>1.2 Concentration (Option) If applicable (30 char. max.)</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>1.3 Category</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Program (FP) <input type="checkbox"/> Honours (HON) <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Honours <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Major Component (HC) <input type="checkbox"/> Major Concentration (CON) <input type="checkbox"/> Internship/Co-op <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thesis (T) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Concentration (CON) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Thesis (N) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please specify </p> <p>1.4 Complete Program Title (info from boxes 1.0+1.1+1.2+1.3)</p> <p>M.Sc. in Mental Health</p>	<p>2.0 Administering Faculty or GPS</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>Offering Faculty & Department</p> <p>Medicine & Health Sciences; Psychiatry</p> <p>3.0 Effective Term of revision or retirement Please give reasons in 5.0 "Rationale" in the case of retirement (Ex. Sept. 2019 or 201909) <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement</p> <p>Term: Sept. 2022</p> <p>4.0 Existing Credits/CEUs Proposed Credits/CEUs</p> <p>45 45</p> <p>5.0 Rationale for revised program – explain why revising</p> <p>We wish to change the name of our master's program from Psychiatry to Mental Health. For decades, the Dept of Psychiatry offered an M.Sc. and an <i>Ad Hoc</i> Ph.D. in Psychiatry. The <i>Ad Hoc</i> Ph.D. was replaced in January 2020 by the new Ph.D. in Mental Health following Ministry approval. This new Ph.D. program better reflects the multidisciplinary nature of the research conducted in the department. We changed the title of the PhD from Psychiatry to Mental Health because a degree in Psychiatry (especially a PhD) often gave the false impression that the program trained psychiatrists. For the same reason, we now wish to change the name and description of our M.Sc. program from Psychiatry to Mental Health which will harmonize the names of our graduate programs.</p>
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6.0 Revised Program Description (Maximum 150 words) – **if revising, the existing must be included**

Revised description:
The M.Sc. in Mental Health provides training in research methodology related to psychiatry and mental health topics and entails the completion of a thesis research project.

Old description :
The M.Sc. in Psychiatry is administered by the Graduate Training Committee. Each student selects a Supervisory Committee composed of the research supervisor plus two to four other faculty who are knowledgeable about the student's research area and who can advise both on appropriate coursework and on the thesis research project. The student will meet with this Supervisory Committee at least once during each year of matriculation for the purpose of evaluating academic and research progress of the student. The Supervisory Committee will also act as a resource body for the student, both with respect to academic and administrative matters.

7.0 List of existing program and proposed program

Existing program (list courses as follows: Subj Code/Crse Num, Title, Credit Weight, under the headings of: Required Courses, Complementary Courses, Elective Courses)

Master of Science (M.Sc.) ~~Psychiatry~~ (Thesis) (45 credits)

Thesis Courses (36 credits)

PSYT 691 Thesis Research 1 (12 credits)

PSYT 692 Thesis Research 2 (12 credits)

PSYT 693 Thesis Research 3 (12 credits)

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

9 credits of graduate-level courses approved by the student's Supervisory Committee.

Courses are selected on the basis of the area of research interest and the background of the student, and must include a course in statistical analysis if not presented upon admission.

Proposed program (list courses as follows: Subj Code/Crse Num, Title, Credit Weight, under the headings of: Required Courses, Complementary Courses, Elective Courses)

Master of Science (M.Sc.) Mental Health (Thesis) (45 credits)

Thesis Courses (36 credits)

PSYT 691 Thesis Research 1 (12 credits)

PSYT 692 Thesis Research 2 (12 credits)

PSYT 693 Thesis Research 3 (12 credits)

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

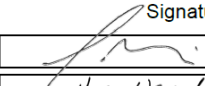
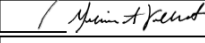
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8.0 Consultation with Related Units Yes No Financial Consult Yes No

Attach list of consultations

9. Approvals

Routing Sequence	Name	Signature	Meeting Date
Department	Gutavo Turecki, Chair		April 23, 2021
Curric/Acad Committee	Melissa Vollrath- FCC Chair		July 17, 2021
Faculty 1	Aimee Ryan- Assoc. Dean	Aimee Ryan <small>Digitally signed by Aimee Ryan Date: 2021.08.19 06:12:37 -0400</small>	
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Montreal, September 1, 2021

Re: Rationale for changing the name of McGill's MSc in Psychiatry to MSc in Mental Health

Dear members of the committee,

I am providing in this brief letter our department and graduate program's rationale for requesting that the name of our MSc be changed from Psychiatry to Mental Health. In essence, we wish to harmonize the name of our MSc with that of our new PhD in Mental Health. The latter was officially approved and launched in 2020, thus allowing us to resume the training of doctoral students four years after our *Ad Hoc* PhD in Psychiatry was terminated at the Ministry's request. When creating this new PhD program, we took the opportunity to change the name from Psychiatry to Mental Health, as the name "Psychiatry" had caused issues for years. Indeed, offering a degree in Psychiatry often gave the impression to potential applicants (and many others) that our students were receiving clinical training in psychiatry. For instance, I've had to clarify to foreign employers on more than one occasion that a PhD degree in Psychiatry from McGill was in no way equivalent to a medical license to practice psychiatry. In sum, the switch to Mental Health better reflects the nature of our PhD degree, i.e. that it is a doctoral research program focused on various dimensions of mental health (and, of course, mental illness). This rationale was clearly understood at the different evaluation steps that led to the Ministry's approval of our new PhD program.

For the same reason, we now wish to change the name of our MSc program from Psychiatry to Mental Health. This will allow to dispel any ambiguities regarding the nature of our MSc degree. It will also allow, as mentioned above, to harmonize the names of our graduate degrees. Our program would thereafter be known as a graduate program in Mental Health, offering MSc and PhD degrees. Please note that, like our PhD, our MSc is and will remain focused on research aimed at better understanding mental health and mental illness. Lastly, and although this is not something that we have yet considered, I anticipate that if ever our department wished one day to allow our students to fast-track from the MSc to the PhD, having degrees with the same name would facilitate the approval/implementation of this process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

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