

Capstone Questions and Answers

If I became a psychology major before Fall 2017, do I need to take the capstone?

No, the DPCL of the bulletin year you entered will remain your DPCL unless it has been changed in accordance with the Dean's Office. The "capstone" requirement on your DPCL (pre-F17) is History & Systems. You may choose to take this course (A470) instead of the other options and instead of G470. You should note, however, that History & Systems will no longer be offered every semester after the 17/18 academic period. It will only be offered in the Spring semesters.

If I have already taken, or am currently enrolled in, History and Systems (and I enrolled as a Psychology major prior to F17), do I need to do anything else?

History & Systems is still your graduation requirement as per your bulletin year DPCL. You do not need to also take a capstone course, unless you desire to do so.

Can I take Capstone prior to my Senior year?

Capstone is meant to be a culmination of your undergraduate psychology career. It is extremely unlikely that the department would allow a Junior to take Capstone. However, if you are only a couple of credits (1 or 2 classes) from Senior status, we can discuss this option.

Can I register for a capstone course prior to having the agreement form filled?

Yes, although some courses require instructor permission (Senior Thesis, Practicum, Independent Study, etc...). For these courses, you will need the capstone agreement before being entered into the course. If the capstone agreement form is not completed prior to the start of the capstone semester, you will be dropped from the course.

What if a new service learning (community engagement) course is offered, but it is not under the capstone options?

With the permission of the instructor, a new community engaged course may be used toward the capstone.

Should I consider taking a G level capstone course if I enrolled before F17?

Please discuss this question with your advisor. Depending on your post-undergraduate goals, it may make sense to have a capstone course listed on your transcript. This may also be a useful piece of information on your personal statement letters for graduate school. The new capstone gives you many options that may better fit your career intentions.

Do I still need to take the ETS exam as a requirement for graduation?

Yes, the ETS is, and will remain, a graduation requirement.

Who should I contact if I still have questions (and I have read all of the questions above)?

Please contact your advisor or the current chair (as of Spring 2017, this is Dr. Dupuis).