

Minor update to the CogSci DPT approved at last BoS.

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The Year 2 Psychology course Research Methods and Statistics is being replaced with a new course, Data Analysis for Psychology in R 2, from 20/21. I have also clarified the need for this course in later years and was told that DAPR2 is not necessary for most upper level courses, provided students have a basic ability to read and critique experiments (which would be provided by our course Inf2-FDS). However, students who wish to do a Psychology dissertation would be expected to have strong experimental design and statistical analysis skills, as taught by DAPR2 and its follow-up ug3 course, DAPR3.

So I propose two changes to the proposed Year 2 of the DPT:

1. Replace Research Methods and Statistics with Data Analysis for Psychology in R 2. [DAPR2 doesn't yet appear in DRPS, so this update will need to wait until it does.]

2. Replace the text in the associated box with the following:

Note: DAPR2 may be helpful for students planning to take honours courses in Psychology, and is strongly recommended for students intending to do a dissertation in Psychology. Other students should register for Foundations of Data Science, which provides a stronger foundation for honours courses in artificial intelligence and machine learning.