

**August 29, 2016**

**TO:** **Timothy Boosinger**  
Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs

**THROUGH:** **George Flowers**  
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**SUBJECT:** Item for Approval by Office of the Provost – Proposed Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's in Psychology

We are writing to request that the following item be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Provost.

**Proposal:** The College of Liberal Arts is proposing an Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's program in Psychology.

**Review and Consultation:** The **Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's in Psychology** is being proposed as a means of providing motivated undergraduate students that have demonstrated academic success the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree while earning credit toward a graduate degree. By allowing the student to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in a condensed timeframe, the unit is presenting a desirable and marketable plan of study for current students that meet eligibility requirements, while enhancing their ability to recruit outstanding prospective students looking to major in the discipline. The proposal was reviewed by both the Auburn University Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council, and received the approval of both groups in Summer 2016.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the proposed Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's in Psychology be approved by the Office of the Provost.