

## Information on Core Content Courses

Students often ask what courses can be used to fulfill the required CPA core content areas. The Director(s) must follow CPA guidelines about basic courses in these areas. Here is the information from the CPA Accreditation Manual, with their examples of acceptable courses listed in parentheses:

The five core content areas are:

1. Biological bases of behaviour (e.g., physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, psychopharmacology)
2. Cognitive-affective bases of behaviour (e.g., learning, sensation, perception, cognition, thinking, motivation, emotion)
3. Social bases of behaviour (e.g., social psychology; cultural, ethnic, and group processes; sex roles; organizational and systems theory)
4. Individual bases of behaviour (e.g., personality theory, human development, individual differences, abnormal psychology)
5. Historical and scientific foundations of general psychology (this content area can be fulfilled with a one-semester, senior undergraduate course).

Below is a list of some of the courses that can be used to meet the core content requirements.

### **NOTE:**

The clinical courses (i.e., those taught by a registered clinical psychologist) can count either toward the core content requirement or toward the supplementary clinical courses. By default, they count as a supplementary clinical course so please advise Martine Raymond if you wish the course to count as a core content requirement.

### **Biological Bases of Behaviour**

PSY 5103 – Fundamentals of Behavioural Neuroscience

PSY 5125 – Principals of Neuropsychology

PSY 6151 – Drugs and Behaviour

PSY 6191 – Clinical Neuropsychology

PSY 6191 – Hormones and Behaviour

### **Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behaviour**

PSY 5105 – Fundamentals of Cognitive Psychology

PSY 6166 – Human and Social Motivation: Theory and Research

PSY 6191 – Seminars in Psychology: *Human Memory: Cognitive, Neural, Developmental, and Social Perspectives*

PSY 6191 – Seminars in Psychology: *Future-Oriented Thinking and Decision-Making: Cognitive, Developmental, and Clinical Implications*

### **Social Bases of Behaviour**

PSY 5113 – Fundamentals of Social Psychology

PSY 6954 – Applied Social Psychology in the Work Place

PSY 7108 – Multicultural Psychology

**NOTE:** For students starting the clinical program in September 2021 or later, this course must be used to fulfil the CPA core content of Social bases of behaviour. For students who entered the program before September 2021, this course can count as a supplementary clinical course as it is highly recommended that all students complete this course.

### **Individual Bases of Behaviour**

PSY 5114 – Fundamentals of Developmental Psychology

PSY 6132 – Child Psychopathology

PSY 6176 – Clinical Geropsychology

PSY 6191 – Seminars in Psychology :*The Child's Social World*

PSY 6191 – Seminars in Psychology: *Infant and Child Cognitive Development*