FORM A: Prerequisite Waiver Form

Name: __________________________________  Office Use Only
Student ID: ______________________________
Telephone: ______________________________
Email: __________________________________
Major(s): ________________________________
Minor(s): ________________________________
Semester & Year course will be taken: ____________
Prerequisite(s) to be waived: ___________________
Justification for waiver (i.e. concurrent enrollment, etc.): ________________________________________

One Course Per Form. Waive prerequisite(s) for the following PSYC class (i.e. PSYC 336):
_________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________

Warning: Prerequisites are courses designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of theories and concepts within a discipline and to academically prepare them for higher-level coursework in the same discipline. It is the Psychology Department’s position that students who do not take the required prerequisite(s) will be seriously at an academic disadvantage when attempting higher-level courses. Therefore, waiver of prerequisite(s) will be granted for exceptional cases only and is subject to the final approval of the Psychology Department’s Director of Undergraduate Studies. Also, the University Policy on prerequisites, as stated in the USC Course Catalogue, is that: “a prerequisite course within the same discipline taken after the higher-level course has been passed will not be available for unit or grade point credit.”

*** The following students are exempt from this policy and should fill out the “FORM B: Prerequisite Waiver for Pre-Approved Substitutions” form before registering for the higher-level course:
1. Students who have the required scores on AP Psychology, IB Psychology or “A-Level” Psychology.
2. Students who have Psychology Department-approved substitutions for the prerequisite(s).
3. Students who have or will have taken the course at another institution that is articulated as being equivalent to the prerequisite, but such course is not yet in the student’s STARS Report. Proof required.
4. Graduate students wishing to take a 400-level course for graduate credit.

* Return completed form to the Psychology Department Front Desk in SGM 501

I have read the above statements. I understand and accept the consequences of waiving the prerequisite(s) for the course(s) I wish to take.

Student’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Department Approval

Instructor ___________________________ Instructor’s Signature ___________ Date ______
Instructor’s Conditions for Enrollment: ____________________________________________

Director of Undergraduate Studies ___________________________ Director of Undergraduate Studies’ Signature ___________ Date ______
Director’s Conditions for Enrollment or Reasons for Denial of Request: ____________________________________________