

Statement to the AQ Review Report, 31.08.2015
concerning the

Accreditation procedure for changing the curriculum Bakkalaureat “Psychotherapiewissenschaft” in Bachelor “Psychology” and Magister “Psychotherapiewissenschaft” in Master “Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy: Psychoanalysis, Psychopathology and Studies in Intercultural Psychotherapy” at the branch of Sigmund Freud Private University in Paris

The Review Report recommends the accreditation of the applied changes if three points of criticism are realised (p.9):

1. In the Bachelor the Module A “Clinical Psychology” should contain more courses on clinical psychology and CBT should be taught as one worldwide important psychotherapeutic modality.
2. In the Master, the Module D “Personal Development” is strictly against the „deontology code for psychologists“; Module D has to be changed.
3. The title of the Master Programme should not be “Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy: Psychoanalysis, Psychopathology and Studies in Intercultural Psychotherapie”. It is recommended to leave out “Clinical Psychology” and “Psychopathology” or to integrate them in a lower position to the title.

The Sigmund Freud University agrees with these recommendations.

In short, we will realize these recommendations as follows:

- We will change the contents of the Module A in the Bachelor in favor of courses in clinical psychology and we will include CBT as one of the modalities taught.
- Furthermore, in the Master programme we will fully cancel the Module D.
- Eventually, the last point of criticism will be dealt by implementing courses on clinical psychology and pathology; hence the match of the intended programme name and the learning outcome is given.

In detail, the reviewer’s recommendations will be realised as follows:

ad 1 – a)

In order to match the title of Module A/Bachelor with the learning outcomes, the lectures “History and theoretical development of the psychotherapy schools I-III” will be replaced by the lecture “Introduction to Clinical Psychology” in the first semester and two pro-seminars “Introduction to Clinical Psychology I + II” in the second and third semester. The pro-seminars in “History and theoretical development of the psychotherapy schools I-III” will be

kept (plus the courses that were not criticized). These changes justify keeping up the Module name “clinical psychology” and are in line with the reviewer’s recommendation.

ad 1 – b)

The modalities taught in the pro-seminars “History and theoretical development of the psychotherapy schools I-III” will be: Psychoanalysis, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Existential therapy.

Herewith we fully follow the reviewer’s recommendations.

ad 2)

Since we strive for a high employability of our future graduates, the SFU will fully follow the deontological code for psychologists. Thus, we will cancel “self-awareness” courses in the Master programme.

Herewith we fully follow the reviewer’s recommendations.

ad 3)

In this point we follow the reviewer by implementing the courses in clinical psychology and on pathology since we would like to keep the applied name for the Master programme at the branch in Paris.

Module D in the Masters will be titled “Clinical Psychology & Psychopathology” (and not “Personal Development”). With that the curriculum provides what the title promises, hence a match between title and learning outcome is given. For the changes, see below or in the attached revised curricula.

The replacements in Module D/Masters are:

- Self-Awareness I to “Psychic Structure and clinical psychopathologie” (“Structure psychique et psychopathologie clinique”) and “Clinical Case Studies” (“Etudes de cas de psychopathologie adulte”)
- Self-Awareness II to “Clinical Aspects and Psychopathology in Families” (“Clinique et psychopathologie de la famille”) and “Contemporary French Clinical Psychology”
- Self-Awareness III to “Clinical Case Studies”

Finally, one of the reviewer’s non-crucial recommendations reads that the Bachelor course sexuality should not be part of the Module F „Fundamental Principles of Psychotherapy Practice“, but of Module C “Medical Basic”. We fully follow this recommendation. We also changed the semester names as recommended.

All changes can be seen in the attached programme curricula. The changes are set in red.