Department of Psychology
Orientation for Students with
Expressed Interest in Psychology

SACRAMENTO STATE

Amador Hall

Psychology Department Mission

• Educate, research, and practice in the field of Psychology
• Facilitate students’ intellectual and personal growth
• Prepare students for graduate studies, the workforce, managing citizenship responsibilities and life demands
• Serve diverse communities
• Promote human equity, health and well-being, effective functioning, and respect for diversity
Overview of Psychology Major

- There are a total of **46-50 units** required for the major.
- These includes the following:
  - Introductory Psychology and Research Methods
  - Advanced Research Methods and Statistics
  - Content Categories
  - Capstone
  - Electives
Undergraduate Course Topic Areas

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Clinical/Counseling
- Cognition, Perception, Learning
- Cross-Cultural, Multicultural, Diversity
- Developmental
- Evolutionary
- Health
- Industrial/Organizational
- Neuroscience/Biological
- Personality
- Research Methods/Statistics
- Social

Beyond the Classroom

- Psychology student organizations
- Teaching assistantships
- Research assistantships
- Internships/fieldwork
- Prospects Peer Mentoring and Advising Program
Psychology Website

http://www.csus.edu/psyc/

• Impaction information
• Orientation slides
• Major and course info
• Policies, forms & procedures
• Calendars and deadlines
• Faculty contact info & office hours

Getting Familiar with the Website

1. What’s the e-mail address you can use to ask any questions and send in your transcripts for the supplemental application?

2. What is the minimum cumulative GPA required to apply to the Psychology major?

3. On the Undergraduate page, what transfers in as PSYC 8 (Methods of Psychology) at Modesto Junior College?

4. Are there any community college courses listed as equivalent to upper division PSYC 101 (Statistics for Psychology)?
Impaction

- Impaction occurs when the demand for a major program exceeds available spots.
- Impacted majors at Sacramento State:
  - Psychology
  - Criminal Justice
  - Health Science
  - Nursing
  - Design
  - Business
- Supplemental applications are required for impacted programs
- Applicants must first meet eligibility requirements
- No double majoring with an impacted major

Application Eligibility Criteria

Link: [www.csus.edu/psyc/program-impaction.html](http://www.csus.edu/psyc/program-impaction.html)

- Unofficial transcripts will be required.
- Eligibility criteria must be met/completed for application to be considered.
  1. Get admitted to Sac State.
  2. Complete PSYC 2 (Introductory Psychology) or its equivalent within 2 attempts.
  3. Have 30 units of college coursework completed.
  4. Minimum overall GPA of 2.3 in ALL college level courses.
1. Is “Expressed Interest in Psychology” the same as being a “Psychology” Major? **NO.**

2. Do you need to maintain the GPA cutoff after you’ve been accepted to the program? **NO.**

3. Do you need to send in official copies of your transcripts? **NO.**

4. By sending an official copy of your transcripts to the Psychology Department, does that mean that the Admissions & Outreach Department will get them as well? **NO.**

5. Will meeting the 2.3 overall GPA eligibility requirement guarantee admission to the program? **NO.**

6. Does the Psychology AP Exam count towards the PSYC 2 requirement? **YES.**

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**Accessing the Supplemental Application**

To apply for the undergraduate psychology major, you must meet or exceed the following supplemental admission criteria:

- SAT and/or ACT scores are not required.
- Two years of high school algebra are required. Trig/Pre-Calculus is recommended but not required. Students must have a minimum math GPA of 2.0.
- Completion of at least five years of English with an emphasis on reading and written composition is required.
- Students must declare their intent to major in Psychology and complete at least 60 credits upper division units.
- Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0.

The application deadline is April 1st for Fall intake. The Supplemental Application is due by April 1st. One copy of the Supplemental Application is required. The application deadline for Fall intake is April 1st. The application deadline for Spring intake is October 15th. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis as space permits. Applicants will be accepted for available spaces up to the deadline. The application deadline for Fall intake is April 1st. The application deadline for Spring intake is October 15th. One copy of the Supplemental Application is required. The application deadline for Fall intake is April 1st. The application deadline for Spring intake is October 15th. One copy of the Supplemental Application is required.
Supplemental Psychology Application

Sac State ID: [Redacted]
Name: Seyran Divanyan
Phone: 916/635-6205
Email: seyrand@csus.edu

Term: Spring 2014

Communication between the Psychology Department and applicants will be via email from psycapply@csus.edu. If your email changes after submission, email the updated address to psycapply@csus.edu.

Please note that only supplemental applications that meet the following eligibility criteria will be considered:

- Applicant meets/has met admission requirements for California State University
- Applicant is currently in good academic standing (e.g., not on academic probation)
- Applicant has completed at least 30 semester units or their equivalent
- Applicant's cumulative GPA for all colleges attended is 2.3 or higher
- Applicant has completed an introductory psychology course with a grade of C or higher within two attempts with the course grade posted on student's transcript

Transcripts:
Transcripts from all colleges attended outside of Sacramento State and the Department of Psychology must be submitted to both Undergraduate Admissions and the Department of Psychology by the deadline date. All coursework must be included.

Send Transcripts to:
Undergraduate Admissions
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6048
AND
Psychology Major Admissions
Department of Psychology
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6007
(NOTE: Legible scanned copies of transcripts may be emailed as a single attachment to psycapply@csus.edu in lieu of mailed paper copies. Include your name and “transcript” in the subject line of the email)

Lower Division Requirements

Please list the equivalent course for PSYC 2 Introductory Psychology that you have completed. If necessary, refer to Assist.org for information on course equivalents. Please complete all fields.

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Please check the box and click the “Submit” button below to complete your application.

Supplemental Application Process

1. Attend Information Session: Before Applying
2. Submit Supplemental Application & Transcripts by deadline

- Met Eligibility Requirements and GPA Cutoff
  - Accepted
  - Accepted Conditionally
  - Declined

- Eligibility Requirements and/or GPA Cutoff were not met
  - A Change of Major form will be submitted on your behalf
  - You must fulfill the conditions of the acceptance by deadline
  - Attend Information Session: After Decision was Made
  - Set up individual appointment to discuss options
Application Statistics

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True or False

It is advised that you do NOT continue to take Psychology classes thinking that you will get accepted in the major at some point.

TRUE - Except for those that count towards your GE or Minor requirements.

If your GPA is well below the typical cut off, you should get advising prior to deciding to re-apply.

TRUE
• Take a Psychology course for upper division General Education (GE) Area E requirement*.  
  • PSYC 134 Human Sexuality  
  • PSYC 135 Psych of Multicultural Groups  
  • PSYC 137 Stress Management  
  • PSYC 151 Death and Dying

You are only required to take one of the above classes to satisfy the GE Area E requirement.

Options

• Declare Psychology Minor (21 units)  
  • You can access the minor requirements at: http://catalog.csus.edu/current/programs/psyc.html#Minor

• Declare a non-impacted major:  
  • Anthropology  
  • Child Development  
  • Communication Studies  
  • Ethnic Studies  
  • Family & Consumer Sciences  

• Gerontology  
• Government  
• Social Work  
• Sociology  
• Women’s Studies
What’s Your Passion?

Focus on your dream job instead of your dream major

Prospects Peer Mentoring and Advising Program

• Peer mentors are advanced Psychology majors
• Drop-in peer advising available Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
• Weekly mentoring available through PSYC 198A (1 unit) by application
• Located Amador Hall, Room 358
Both are located in Lassen Hall, First Floor, Office 1013.

- Meet with a career advisor to discuss an action plan for meeting your career objectives.
- Meet with an academic advisor to go over courses completed, which ones to take and options for other majors.

Contact Information

- Psychology Department Office located in Amador Hall, Room 350; phone: 916-278-6254
- Department Chair: Dr. Endriga, mendriga@csus.edu
  - For appointments with Dr. Endriga, contact the Psychology Department Office.
- Impaction Advisor: Cheryl Lugo, 916-278-4494, clugo@csus.edu.
- Prospects Peer Mentoring and Advising Program: Drop-in M-F 9am-4pm, Amador 358