



## How to Apply to the Impacted Psychology Major

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### Impaction:

- A Declaration of Major form cannot be submitted in order to declare the major.
- A student cannot declare the major when they are admitted to the university.
- A student can be admitted to the university and attend without being in the major.
- A supplemental application is required to be considered for the major. This also applies to students pursuing an Associate's Degree for Transfer.

### Psychology Major Application Requirements:

- Applicant must be admitted to the university in order to have access to the application.
- Applicant must be in "Good Academic Standing."
- PSYC 2, Introductory Psychology, (or equivalent) completed with a C or better within 3 attempts *(for those who took the course in Spring 2020, a grade of CR ("credit") will be accepted for the purpose of eligibility to apply to the Psychology major)*.
  - Note: Psychology Advanced Placement Test score of 3 or above will count as the PSYC 2 equivalent.
- Completion of 30 or more college level units.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 in all college level units.
- Meet that semester's GPA cut-off.
- All college-level transcripts must be in the system at the time of application.

### Transfer Students:

- **Applying with an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Psychology:**
  - Students must still submit a supplemental application to the major.
  - The ADT in Psychology does not guarantee admission to the major.
  - If you are a first-time applicant and are in the process of transferring to Sac State while completing the ADT in Psychology, you will receive a 0.1 GPA boost.
  - If a student has declared an ADT status when applying to the university, as long as it is in Psychology, then the PSYC 2 equivalent will be accepted "In Progress."
  - Conditional Admission to the Major:
    - ☑ If the student's acceptance to the major is dependent on the 0.1 GPA boost to reach the GPA cut-off, or if their PSYC 2 equivalent is in progress, they will be "Conditionally Accepted" requiring proof of the successful completion of the ADT.

### Local Admission Priority Policy:

- A supplemental application must still be submitted in order to be considered for the major.
- Local area applicants are not guaranteed admission into the major.
- Transfer students identified as a [local area applicant](#) by the university will be awarded a 0.1 GPA boost to their cumulative GPA.
- This GPA boost will be in addition to and/or separate from the GPA boost that students completing an ADT in Psychology will receive.



**When applying:**

- Complete the Online Supplemental Application Form in your Student Center (under “Forms”) by the application deadline.
  - The posted video on the Psychology Impaction webpage reviews the application process and eligibility criteria. We will also answer questions during the Q&A Information Sessions offered each semester to all students interested in applying to the major.
  - When completing the application, have the following information accessible:
    - Your Sac State Student ID.
    - The course number of your PSYC 2 (*Introductory Psychology*) equivalent if taken at a college other than Sac State.
    - Your PSYC 2 (or equivalent) grade and semester completed or Psychology Advanced Placement test date and score.
    - Once the application window closes, a cumulative GPA will be calculated for each applicant.
    - All students will be rank-ordered by GPA and a GPA cut-off will be determined.
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- *GPA Cut-off for Spring 2020 was 2.60.*
  - *GPA Cut-off for Spring 2021 was 2.90.*
  - *GPA Cut-off for Fall 2020 was 2.80.*
  - *GPA Cut-off for Fall 2021 was 3.00.*
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- The GPA cut-off is determined by the amount of space available in the major. The GPA minimum for admission to the major since Fall 2013 has ranged from 2.3 - 3.0.
- We calculate the space by taking into account the number of students that are graduating that semester, yield rate of applicants admitted, and number of eligible applications we receive.
    - **We cannot guarantee admission at any GPA level, given that the cut-off fluctuates.**
  - This depends on how many students apply and how much space we have available in the major for that particular semester.
    - Once rank ordering is complete, decisions will be emailed to all students.

**Questions:**

If you have questions regarding the process of applying to the major or what the major offers:

- Start by watching the video posted on the Psychology Impaction webpage.
- Attend a Q&A session (RSVP link and session dates posted on the Psychology Impaction webpage).
- Drop in to the [SSIS Student Success Center](#). Be sure you are logged in to Zoom with your Sac State credentials to access a drop-in Zoom session.
- Email [psycapply@csus.edu](mailto:psycapply@csus.edu).

You can also drop in to the Psychology Department’s [Prospects Peer Mentor Office Hours](#). Peer Mentors are trained to help you with questions and support your transition to Sac State.