

## 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.
  - \*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.

### 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 and until the PSYC 2 equivalent completion is verified.

### 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.
- 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 located on the Psychology Department website ([www.csus.edu/psyc](http://www.csus.edu/psyc)) by the application deadline.
- We will go over the application process and eligibility criteria during the Information Sessions offered each semester to all 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.
- 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.
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Spring 2014 was 2.60.*
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Fall 2014 was 3.00.*
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Spring 2015 was 2.30.*
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Fall 2015 was 2.30.*
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Spring 2016 was 2.30.*
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Fall 2016 was 2.80.*
    - *GPA Cut-Off for Spring 2017 was 2.30.*
    - *GPA Cut-off for Fall 2017 was 2.80.*
    - *GPA Cut-off for Spring 2018 was 2.80.*
    - *GPA Cut-off for Fall 2018 was 2.80.*
    - *GPA Cut-off for Spring 2019 was 2.40.*
  - The GPA cut-off is determined by the amount of space available in the major.
    - We calculate the space by taking into account the amount of students that are graduating that semester, yield rate of applicants admitted, and amount of eligible applications we receive.
  - **We cannot guarantee admission at any GPA level given that the cut-off can fluctuate.**
    - 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.
- If you have questions regarding the process of applying to the major or what the major offers:
  - Email Cheryl Lugo at [clugo@csus.edu](mailto:clugo@csus.edu) to schedule an appointment.
  - Drop by the Psychology Department's Peer Mentoring Office.
    - They are located in Amador Hall 358.
    - Peer Mentors are trained to help you with questions and your transition to Sac State.
    - Computers are available in their office where you can submit your supplemental application.