



How to Apply to the Impacted Psychology Major

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 Supplemental 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) must be 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.
 - Note: PSYC 2, or equivalent may be in progress only if an ADT in Psychology is also in progress with being earned at the time of application.
- Completion of 30 or more college level units.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 in all college level units.
- All college-level transcript(s) 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 if it is "In Progress" at the time of application.
- **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 or PSYC 2 equivalent.

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.
- Current Sac State students/applicants will be awarded a 0.1 GPA boost to their cumulative GPA.
- This GPA boost will be in addition to, and separate from the GPA boost those students completing an ADT in Psychology will receive.



When applying:

- Complete the online Supplemental Application in your Student Center (under “Forms”) by the application deadline:
 - Fall admission: February 1-March 15; 11:59pm
 - Spring admission: September 1-October 15; 11:59pm
- 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 for all college level coursework will be calculated for each applicant.
 - To be fully admitted to the Psychology major, applicants must meet the semester GPA cut off. All students will be rank-ordered by GPA and a GPA cut-off will be determined.
 - The GPA minimum for admission to the major since Fall 2013 has ranged from 2.3 -3.0.
 - The GPA cut-off for Spring 2024 was 2.7.
 - The GPA cut-off is determined by the amount of space available in the major.
 - We calculate the space available 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 (Session dates posted on the Psychology Impaction [webpage](#)).
- Email PaHoua Lee, Student Success Coordinator at expressedinterestpsyc@csus.edu.
- 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.
- 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.