

TIPS FOR INCOMING PSYCHOLOGY TRANSFER STUDENTS



DECLARE THE MAJOR - Students may declare the Psychology major once they begin their first semester at UW-Madison **AND** after successful completion (C or better) of Introduction to Psychology (Psych 202). If you completed this at your previous institution you may, and are encouraged to, declare at your earliest convenience once you've started your first semester at UW-Madison. Students can declare the major through Psych's advising canvas site (preferred method) or by meeting with a Psychology advisor in an appointment.



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST - We have a psych major listserv, which we use to send important information about the major, courses, and opportunities in the department and on-campus. To join the listserv send a blank e-mail to **Psych_majors+subscribe@g-groups.wisc.edu**. An e-mail will then be sent to you confirming that you would like to join this list. Students are automatically added to this email list once they declare the Psychology major.



SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A PSYCH ADVISOR - all transfer students should schedule an appointment with a Psychology advisor during their first semester on campus to discuss the Psychology major requirements and develop an academic plan. Directions for how to make an appointment with a Psych advisors are found at: **psych.wisc.edu > Undergraduate Program > Schedule an Appointment**.



CHECK OUT OUR CANVAS SITE - Our canvas site is a great resource for students who would like to learn more about the major requirements, opportunities in the department, research and career exploration. Our canvas site is the preferred method for declaring the Psychology major. Students can request to join Psychology's canvas site by emailing **advisor@psych.wisc.edu**. The online major declaration form can be accessed in the "Psychology Major Requirements" module.



REVIEW YOUR TRANSFERRED PSYCHOLOGY COURSES - If a psychology course taken at your previous institution transfers in as a psychology elective (ex. Psych X12) you may have our undergraduate program coordinator review the syllabus to determine if it is an appropriate equivalent for one of the Psychology major requirements. Please email an electronic copy of syllabus to **enrollment@psych.wisc.edu**. Psych elective courses should be reviewed by the end of your first semester at UW-Madison.

***Note:** If the department accepts an elective for a Psychology requirement but is unable to change the course number to a direct equivalent, extra steps may be required to enroll in future Psych courses.

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DID YOU TRANSFER A STATISTICS COURSE? If the course did not transfer as a direct equivalent of an accepted statistics course (ex: Psych 210), discuss your stats course with a Psych advisor. The advisor may recommend that you email an electronic copy of the syllabus to enrollment@psych.wisc.edu. If, after reviewing a syllabus for the course, the undergraduate program coordinator determines that the course covered sufficient content, then an exception will be made to accept the course for Psychology's statistics requirement. ****Note:** If the department accepts an elective (ie. not direct equivalent) for Statistics, extra steps may be required to enroll in future Psych courses that require it as a pre-requisite. **DID YOU TRANSFER A BIOLOGY COURSE?** If the course did not transfer as a direct equivalent to an accepted Intro Biology course (Zoo 101, Bio 151) and you would like to have it reviewed for a direct equivalency, please submit it to the Course Re-evaluation Service: registrar.wisc.edu/course-reevaluation.



TAKE A BREADTH OR DEPTH COURSE FIRST - We recommend taking a Psych breadth or depth course in your first semester at UW-Madison. This will give you the opportunity to get to know our department and acclimate to campus prior to taking Statistics or Research Methods. We have reserved seats in Psych breadth and depth courses for our incoming transfer students. **Each student who meets with us during transfer SOAR will be given permission to enroll in ONE Psych breadth or depth course.** Find a list of Psych breadth and depth on the Psychology Major Checklist: psych.wisc.edu > Undergraduate Program > Major.



CONSIDER EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

***GET INVOLVED IN PSYCH RESEARCH** to gain experience, earn academic credit and learn more about the field of Psychology: psych.wisc.edu > Undergraduate Program > Research Opportunities.

***ATTEND** an undergraduate Psych event: psych.wisc.edu > Undergraduate Program > Events.

***JOIN** a department or campus student organization to meet other Psych students: psych.wisc.edu > Undergraduate Program > Involvement.



STAY IN TOUCH - Any advising related e-mails should be addressed to advisor@psych.wisc.edu using your wisc.edu e-mail and including your student ID number.

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