

General Information

The Psychology Department office (located in Room 273, Social Sciences 2) is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am-12noon and 1:00-4:00pm and Friday from 1:00-4:00pm. Drop in advising hours are posted at the beginning of each quarter.

The Psychology web site is <http://psych.ucsc.edu>. You will find this site very helpful with pertinent information about the Psychology Department.

Major Status

New transfers who listed psychology as an area of interest on their admissions application will have a Proposed major status. To make your status official within the Psychology Department you must first obtain, from your college, a Declaration of Major petition. If you have **not** completed the five lower division courses, (see the Requirements section below), than you will need to declare Pre-Psychology as your major. If you have completed the five lower division courses then you will declare Psychology as your major. *All lower division coursework for the major should be completed by the end of your junior year.* Lastly, for acceptance to the Psychology major, transfer students must have an overall 3.0 GPA prior to entering UCSC, with a minimum 3.1 GPA in all psychology courses. Transfer students at the senior level, (135 quarter units or 90 semester units), will not be accepted into the major.

Requirements

The bachelor of arts degree in Psychology requires the following courses and senior comprehensive requirement: Math 3, *Precalculus*, Psychology 1, *Introduction to Psychology*, Psychology 2, *Introduction to Psychological Statistics*, Psychology 3, *Research Methods in Psychology*, Psychology 10, *Introduction to Developmental Psychology*, seven upper-division psychology courses, and one approved elective. All community college work is considered lower-division level; the transfer credit is sent to and verified by the Admissions Office at UCSC. Upon completion of lower division coursework a student contacts the department advisor to update his/her status from Pre-Psychology to Psychology major on the Declaration of Major petition.

Some optional lower-division courses (numbered 1-99) are an excellent foundation for future course work, specifically Psychology 20, (*Intro to Cognitive Psych*), Psychology 40 (*Intro to Social Psych*) and 60 (*Intro to Personality Psych*). Some are required prerequisites for several of the upper-division psychology courses, as indicated in the University's *Catalog*. For students planning to pursue graduate work in psychology, faculty recommend more advanced courses in psychology, natural sciences, social sciences, statistics, and research.

Upper-division Psychology courses are numbered in the University's *Catalog* as follows: #100-119, Developmental courses; #120-139, Cognitive courses; #140-159, Social courses; and #160-179, Personality courses. Students complete 2 courses in each of the areas to satisfy major requirements; one course must be designated as a seminar. Please be aware we also offer an Intensive Major, which requires additional coursework.

Advanced Placement Exams

The AP Psychology exam, with a score of 4 or 5, may be substituted for Psychology 1, and will satisfy the requirement for the major. The Calculus AB exam, with a score of 3, 4, or 5, may be substituted for Math 11A, *Calculus*, and will satisfy the math requirement for psychology majors.

Math Placement Exams

If you have not taken a college-level *Precalculus* or *Calculus* course prior to admission **plan to take the Math Placement Exam offered during Orientation** (or refer to other dates as listed in the *Schedule of Classes*). A placement exam must be taken before you may enroll in any math course. It is used to place students into the appropriate level math course before enrollment in courses. Math placement exams are offered at the beginning and middle of each quarter. A score of 31 or more will satisfy the Math 3 major requirement.

Summer Orientation

At Summer Orientation you will get an overview of the major, information about which courses to enroll in, which courses transfer, substitution of transfer courses and AP exam credits and more! You will receive an email in June with more information.