Save the Date for this year’s Senior Send-off Celebration!

May 18, 2016 (1:30-3:30 pm)

This fun carnival-style event, open to all Psychology majors, will celebrate our graduating seniors with games, a photo booth, cake, raffle prizes, and other surprises!

We’ll send out invitations soon, so keep an eye on your e-mail!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

Are you graduating this quarter? Don’t forget the BS Research Paper deadline is Friday of 10th week of the quarter; you’ll need to turn it in with your PI’s signature. And remember these too:

- Any advising/enrollment questions should be sent via the Virtual Advising Center.
- Any SONA questions should be sent directly to: ucsdsonasubjectpool@gmail.com.
- Our website has resources for you 24 hours a day, including major requirements and Frequently Asked Questions.
- Please check your Degree Audit regularly to ensure that you are on track.
- Courteous and professional communication is a skill you can practice in your interaction with faculty and staff. They are here to help you!

SPRING ADVISING WORKSHOPS

The Psychology Advising Office is working hard to bring you information you can use. Every quarter during the 2015-16 year, we’ll schedule workshops answering some of your biggest questions and preparing you for your future during college and beyond. Join us at one or all of our sessions, bring your relevant questions, and learn about exciting opportunities!

- Internships in Psychology
  Thursday, April 21, 1:30-2:30 pm
  Mandler 3545

- Education Abroad for Psychology Students
  Tuesday, May 10, 2:30-3:30 pm
  Mandler 3545

- Psychology Degrees are Great for Government Jobs!
  Tuesday, April 26, 12:00-1:00 pm
  Career Services Center Horizon Room

- I Majored in Psychology - Now What?
  Wednesday, May 4, 12:00-1:00 pm
  Career Services Center Horizon Room

Register online for our upcoming workshops!

HONORS POSTER SESSION 2016

THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

2016 PSYCHOLOGY HONORS POSTER SESSION

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH, 2016, 11:30AM - 2:00 PM

STUDENT CENTER, DOLORES HUERTA - PHILLIP VERA CRUZ ROOM

open to the public; prospective honors students highly encouraged to attend!

CONTACT US

Walk-in Advising:
Monday-Thursday 9-11am, 1-3pm
Mandler Hall, Room 1533

Virtual Advising:
http://vac.ucsd.edu
Please allow up to 2 business days for response.

Telephone Advising:
(858) 534-3001

Please have your Student ID number ready and be prepared to ask specific questions!
The "Johnny Depp" Effect

Previous research has shown that, overall, women prefer men who have more feminine faces. At times, this preference seems to shift, a change that has been blamed on hormones in the past; some researchers have theorized that women are subconsciously looking for 'nice dad' types when they indicate preference for more feminine features. However, Dr. Piotr Winkielman and his team just published a paper that alleges that cognitive processing, not hormones, is to blame for changing preferences.

Researchers used morphing technology to create "gender ambiguous" blends of male and female faces. When the researchers asked study participants to identify the faces as either 'female' or 'male,' participants found the blended faces to be less attractive than their less ambiguous counterparts. The same faces were rated more attractive by participants who were not asked to assign a gender before rating.

This effect seems to be related to the idea of 'processing fluency,' where the act of having to think about something influences our perception of it.

Do you want employers or graduate programs to know about your extracurricular activities at UCSD? The Psychology Department has been selected to participate in a Beta Test for UC San Diego's Co-Curricular Record (CCR). The CCR is a tool that allows students to capture co-curricular activities on an official university record that helps you market yourself to potential employers and/or graduate programs.

In a competitive field where all applicants have excellent grades, your CCR helps you stand out! UC San Diego is among the first universities in the nation to launch a CCR that is verified by the Registrar and is a companion to your official transcript. Activities such as serving as a Psychology Research Assistant or UGIA, completing an academic internship through AIP, serving on the Psi Chi leadership board, participating on an NCAA athletic team, being a Resident Assistant or Executive Board member of a student organization and many more activities across campus may apply. Complete your CCR Now!

How to participate in this beta test:
1. Log into the CCR at http://myccr.ucsd.edu
2. Check out the CCR Overview and CCR FAQs to learn a bit more about the CCR
3. Add a Co-Curricular position that you have successfully completed to your record using these brief instructions: Add a Position to your CCR
4. To add a Co-Curricular position that is not in the database Request a New Position Be Added to the CCR
5. Once you have validated activities attached to your CCR you can Print an Unofficial Copy of Your CCR

For more information about the CCR and the other Engaged Learning Tools visit Engaged Learning Tools.

Effective Winter 2016, the Psychology Department has added a ninth major choice to our offerings. In addition to the general Psychology BA and BS majors and the BS majors with Specializations, we are now offering a Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience major in partnership with the Cognitive Science Department!

This unique major will blend perspectives of neuroscience from both Cognitive Science and Psychology, and advising will be available in both departments. It requires a special set of courses from both departments, and students must earn grades of C- or better in all courses used toward major requirements.

Unlike our other Psychology majors, the Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience major requires both a full year of Calculus and a Research Methods course, as well as COGS 17 (Neurobiology of Cognition, a required Natural Science class). In addition, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience requires that students take at least one Upper Division class outside of the Department of Psychology (COGS 107A, Neuroanatomy and Physiology, a required CBN Core class).

For more information about the Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience major, including specific course requirements, see the Psychology Department website.
SONA: EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECT PARTICIPATION

Participants in SONA have the opportunity to make an important contribution to the research community in our department and/or the UCSD campus at large. Students enrolled in various Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Linguistics courses have the opportunity to serve as experimental subjects.

As a participant your time is as valuable as the researcher's. All participants are expected to behave in a professional manner, show up on time and provide notice to researchers if you need to cancel your appointment. You can expect all researchers and PI's to respect your time, describe the research you are contributing to and award your credit within 24 hours.

VERY IMPORTANT: Once you have accumulated TWO unexcused no-shows during one quarter, you will be limited in the studies available to you through SONA. Your account may remain active, but no studies will appear to be available. If this happens to you, you will need to ask your instructor if you have any other research participation options at that point. Instructors are not required to accommodate your request once two unexcused no-shows have been accumulated. For more information on SONA please check out the SONA page on UCSD’s Psychology Department website.