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UC San Diego Transfer Guide

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Transfer Welcome

Hello Incoming Transfer Students,

Welcome to the Department of Psychology at UCSD! We are so thrilled you will be joining us in the Fall of 2023. As a Psychology major, you will have access to our major advisors, opportunities to take Psychology courses taught by our leading faculty, and so much more! We look forward to making our department feel like home for you.

We offer a wide array of undergraduate programs designed to meet your career interests and goals. The Department of Psychology offers 10 undergraduate majors including a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees in Psychology, Business Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, Human Health, Sensation and Perception, and Social Psychology. Most of our majors are flexible enough that you can switch between them in case your career interests change.

We recommend you take the time to peruse our website to familiarize yourself with the majors, services, and resources we offer. We suggest you bookmark the following pages:

- [Majors](#)
- [New Student Areas](#)
- [Experiential Learning](#)
- [Research](#)
- [Programs and Events](#)
- [Courses](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Honors Program](#)

We also encourage you to follow UCSD's Department of Psychology [Facebook](#) page and [Instagram](#) account for announcements, events, exciting news, and resources.

Lastly, we encourage you to [REGISTER](#) for our online Psychology Department Orientation in July 2023, made of several short modules you can watch at your own pace this summer.

The Psychology advising team is here to support you during your transition to UC San Diego. We look forward to meeting you this Fall and helping you throughout your time as a Psychology student at UC San Diego!

Sincerely,
Psychology Undergraduate Advising Team

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Steps to Success in the Department

We want you to be successful as a UC San Diego Psychology student. Our goal is for you to find a supportive community here. We encourage students to take ownership over their academic careers and want to give you the tools to do so. We suggest that you:

- Be your own advocate and take responsibility for your education.
- Get to know the **Psychology website** and become familiar with **TritonLink**.
- Review your completed **major** requirements.
- Get comfortable with your Academic Tools on TritonLink, including your Academic History and Degree Audit.
- Be proactive and ask informed questions.
- Get into the habit of checking your @UCSD email and New Triton Advising.
- Complete Orientations for your college and your major.
- Review recommendations made by your college **and** your major, and enroll in appropriate classes during your enrollment time.
- Check in with yourself frequently to make sure that your workload meets your needs; don't be afraid to admit if you've taken on too much.
- Plan to stay proactive during Fall quarter (go to college **and** major advising and faculty/TA Office Hours, and make use of campus resources).
- Show up prepared and ready to learn.
- Locate opportunities, take risks, and find your community on campus.

Transfer Student Summer Timeline

July 1	_____	Estimated date for on-time transcript evaluation completed and posted.
July 5	_____	Register for the Psychology Department Orientation .
July 24–Aug 15	_____	Psychology Department sends out personalized course recommendations via the New Student Site (following transcript processing by the UCSD Admissions Office).

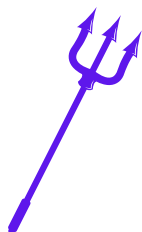
Transfer students are given the opportunity to meet with a psychology advisor once you have completed **(1) all the Psychology Department orientation modules, (2) your transfer transcripts have been officially posted to your UCSD Academic History, and (3) a psychology advisor has already sent Fall course recommendations** through the New Triton Advising site. *Note:* Psychology advising checks for completion of these items on a rolling basis before a student can access the advising session Zoom link.

Aug 2–Aug 15	_____	Transfer advising sessions available.
Aug 9	_____	Additional Transfer seats released in Statistics, Research Methods, and Core-level Psychology courses.**
Aug 16–21	_____	Fall Quarter Transfer enrollment dates.
Sep 28	_____	First day of classes.

*These specific Fall 2023 Psychology courses may look full. Please note the week prior to your enrollment on Aug 16–21, the department will release seats we have saved for you in Statistics, Research Methods, and Core-level Psychology courses. On Aug 9th, please check the Schedule of Classes, you should see open seats for you! You will not see these seats until August 9th.

Orientation & Advising

All incoming transfer students are encouraged to take advantage of our proactive advising and Orientation. Register for the Psychology Department Orientation modules on our website.



NEW TRITON ADVISING SITE

You will receive personalized Fall 2023 enrollment recommendations in late July or August through the New Triton Advising site. Throughout the summer, you can send us questions through the New Triton Advising site 24 hours a day (we will respond to you within 3-5 business days). If you do not receive your recommendations by August 16th, please contact us there. Please be patient as the advising office will be making recommendations for every incoming transfer student in our 10 majors. In addition, please thoroughly read your enrollment recommendations to ensure that you are enrolling in the correct courses for this Fall.



PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION MODULES

We recommend that you register for the online Psychology Department Orientation modules. This information is crucial to preparing for future advising sessions with our team of advisors. **Please note that the Psychology Department Orientation modules are completely separate from any orientation your college may offer. Please plan to complete both.*



TRANSFER ADVISING

Transfer students who complete all the Psychology Department orientation modules, have their transcripts officially posted to on their UCSD Academic History, and have received Fall course recommendations through the New Triton Advising Site will have the chance to participate in advising sessions on August. Only students who meet this criteria will receive a zoom link. These Zoom sessions are not intended to give students Fall enrollment advice, but to create academic plans, explore majors, provide resources, and otherwise ensure that new transfers are starting off on the right track this Fall.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

UC San Diego Psi Chi Transfer Mentor Program

Get connected to a member of our Psi Chi chapter for a first-hand perspective on classes, instructors, experiences, and more! For information and to register, email psichi@ucsd.edu.



Triton Transfer Hub

Follow Triton Transfer Hub for transfer-specific programs resources, coaching, and support. Consider their Summer Transfer Enrichment Program (STEP) resources!

Psychology Honors Program

Applications due in late November

Are you considering graduate school or a professional program? Are you interested in conducting original research? Apply for the Psychology Honors Program! Conduct your own research project, learn to manage a project from beginning to end, get to know advising faculty, and gain an advantage for admission into graduate schools. For more information, come by the department and check out the [website](#). Applications will be available online in early November!



2017-18 Psychology Honors cohort

Honors Information Sessions

Are you considering applying for the Honors Program? Do you have questions about how the program would apply to your major or what are the requirements to apply to the program? Are you curious about what the program is like for students? If you are interested in the Psychology Honors Program, you should watch the Information Session video on our website now! The session will answer many of your questions and share detailed information about the application process, program requirements, and required courses.

Incoming transfer students are strongly encouraged to apply this fall!

Frequently Asked Questions

To find answers to more frequently asked questions, visit the [Transfer FAQs](#) or [general FAQs](#) pages on the Psychology Department website.

How do I choose the best major for me?

All 10 of our majors are available for you to consider; we do not have any limits on the number of students in our major at this time. Our B.S. degrees were created specifically for students intending to pursue graduate programs with heavy research emphases, but your choice of major will not limit your future graduate school or career options. We encourage students to explore coursework that is of interest and let that interest guide their major choice.

How easy is it to change from one Psychology major to another?

Students may change major tracks on TritonLink at any time, and because we do not have any limits on students in our major, we welcome you to make adjustments to your major as needed. If you decide to change your major again, you'll need to wait a minimum of two weeks after your initial major change before doing so. Students with more than 150 quarter units completed will need to provide a quarter-by-quarter plan in order to change majors.

Can I earn a double major?

It is possible to earn a double major at UC San Diego; we encourage you to carefully plan and consider your course load if you decide to do so. You will want to meet regularly with advisors at both majors and your college to ensure that you are on track. It is not possible to double major within the same department.

What classes should I take during my first quarter?

We recommend that you take 3–4 classes during your first quarter. We will provide recommendations to you in the New Triton Advising site, but generally, you should consider completing 1–2 outstanding lower-division courses (especially Statistics or Research Methods) and 1–2 Psychology Core classes during your first quarter. Most students take 1 class for their General Education requirements during their first quarter as well.

Will I need to take lower-division (LD) classes?

You may need to take lower-division requirements, even if you have earned IGETC certification. Lower-division requirements build the foundation for upper-division courses. If you have not yet completed all of your major's lower-division coursework, you will need to do so before graduation.

Do I have to finish all of my lower-division (LD) requirements before starting upper-division (UD) classes?

No, we recommend that all new transfer students, regardless of outstanding lower-division coursework, take at least one upper-division Psychology Core class (100–108) during their first quarter on campus.

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All the courses I want/need to take are full! What do I do?

Most departments are holding seats for new transfer students and will release them in late August; there should be adequate room for new transfer students in classes required for your first quarter.

I took a class at my Community College that I believe should fulfill my lower-division (LD) major requirements. How can I get it to count?

Check [ASSIST.org](https://assist.org); if your class is listed, it should count without any further work on your end. If it's not, you'll need to petition it in the Fall.

I took a class at my Community College that has the same name as a required Psych Core or Psych Elective. Do I need to take the class here, or does my previous class count?

Community College coursework is always considered to be at the lower-division level. Even if you used the same book or had the same instructor, a lower-division course will never count toward any upper-division Psychology requirement (Core or Elective). This is a UC system policy and cannot be petitioned.

Can I take any classes Pass/No Pass?

You may take any lower-division courses for majors within the Psychology Department for P/NP except Statistics (LD MGT classes must be taken for a Letter Grade for Business Psychology majors). PSYC 195, PSYC (or MGT, or COGS) 199, and AIP 197 can only be taken for P/NP, but all other upper-division courses taken for your major must be taken for a Letter grade. You may take up to 25% of your total coursework at UC San Diego for P/NP (this usually translates to around 4 total classes).

I transferred from another four-year institution. Why does my Degree Audit say that I need to take all of my Psychology major courses? I know I completed some!

All courses taken at another university must be petitioned for use toward majors within our department. We do not have articulation agreements with other universities, including other UC schools. A maximum of three upper-division courses (4 units each) from outside of UC San Diego may be used toward majors within our department.



*King Triton gives advice at
Psychology Senior Send-Off 2018
by Yucheng Jasmine Wu*

Summer Session Courses for New Transfers

You may wish to begin your studies at UC San Diego this Summer. The courses below are some recommended course offerings which can also be found on our website, [Best Summer Courses for New Transfer Students](#). All Summer offerings are designed to be useful for completing your degree.

Incoming transfer students who are interested in taking upper-division courses must use the EASy tool to make your course pre-authorization request. Be sure to list any relevant information in the "Justification" section that will be helpful for our office to know (i.e. why you are making the request, why are you not able to enroll on your own) and upload your community college unofficial transcript in the "Supporting Docs" section.

SUMMER SESSION 1 (JULY 3RD - AUG 5TH)

PSYC 60. Introduction to Statistics

This course provides an introduction to both descriptive and inferential statistics, core tools in the process of scientific discovery and the interpretation of research.

PSYC 70 - Research Methods - (Formal Skills)

This course provides an overview of how to choose appropriate research methods for experimental and non-experimental studies. Topics may include classic experimental design and counterbalancing, statistical power, and causal inference in experimental and non-experimental settings. Additional discussion required. **Prerequisites:** PSYC 60 (Statistics)

PSYC 101. Developmental Psychology (Core)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the field of developmental psychology, including topics in cognitive, language, and social development. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

PSYC 105. Cognitive Psychology (Core)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of cognitive psychology, the scientific study of mental processes: how people acquire, store, transform, use, and communicate information. Topics may include perception, attention, language, memory, reasoning, problem solving, decision-making, and creativity.

Prerequisites: upper-division standing.

PSYC 106. Behavioral Neuroscience (Core)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of human and animal behavior from a neuroscience perspective. Topics include the functions and mechanisms of perception, motivation (sex, sleep, hunger, emotions), learning and memory, and motor control and movement. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

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SUMMER SESSION 1 (JULY 3RD - AUG 5TH)

PSYC 137. Social Cognition (Elective)

This course provides an overview of social cognition, which blends cognitive and social psychology to understand how people make sense of the social world. Topics may include social perception, inference, memory, motivation, affect, understanding the self, stereotypes, and cultural cognition. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

PSYC 178. Industrial Organizational Psychology (Elective)

This course provides an examination of human behavior in industrial, business, and organizational settings. Topics include psychological principles applied to selection, placement, management, and training; the effectiveness of individuals and groups within organizations, including leadership and control; conflict and cooperation; motivation; and organizational structure and design. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

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SUMMER SESSION 2 (AUG 7TH - SEPT 9TH)

PSYC 60. Introduction to Statistics

This course provides an introduction to both descriptive and inferential statistics, core tools in the process of scientific discovery and the interpretation of research.

PSYC 70 - Research Methods - (Formal Skills)

This course provides an overview of how to choose appropriate research methods for experimental and non-experimental studies. Topics may include classic experimental design and counterbalancing, statistical power, and causal inference in experimental and non-experimental settings. Additional discussion required. **Prerequisites:** PSYC 60 (Statistics)

PSYC 102. Sensory Neuroscience (Core)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the neural mechanisms that support vision, audition, touch, olfaction, and taste. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

PSYC 105. Cognitive Psychology (Core)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of cognitive psychology, the scientific study of mental processes: how people acquire, store, transform, use, and communicate information. Topics may include perception, attention, language, memory, reasoning, problem solving, decision-making, and creativity.

Prerequisites: upper-division standing.

PSYC 106. Behavioral Neuroscience (Core)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of human and animal behavior from a neuroscience perspective. Topics include the functions and mechanisms of perception, motivation (sex, sleep, hunger, emotions), learning and memory, and motor control and movement. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

PSYC 172. Psychology of Human Sexuality (Elective)

This course provides an overview of human sexuality research including diversity of sexual behavior and identities, sex and gender development, intimate relationships, and sexual dysfunction. Recommended preparation: completion of PSYC 1, 2, or 106. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing.

Congratulations and welcome to UC San Diego!

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