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Dear Students,

We are writing to welcome you to the *Department of Psychology*. We hope your time as a Psychology Major will be fulfilling and rewarding. There are many rich resources, experiences, and sources of information for you to tap into here and I hope that you take advantage of them.

Our most valuable resource is the expertise of our faculty. You will get to know them through your classes, and we would also suggest that you seek them out as mentors. We suggest that you seek opportunities to work with a faculty member in his/her research laboratory. This experience can help you determine if a career in academic psychology is for you. It may also demonstrate how our knowledge of psychology is gleaned through science. You can learn more about each faculty member and their research interests on our Department website ([http://psych.fiu.edu/people\\_faculty.htm](http://psych.fiu.edu/people_faculty.htm)).

We have put together this Psychology Major's Handbook to provide some information to guide you. We would also suggest that you spend some time looking at the websites and publications listed on "Resources for Psychology Majors."

We have an advising office located in DM 266 on the University Park Campus and AC1 367 on the Biscayne Bay Campus. We strongly suggest that you make an appointment with an advisor a few weeks before registration to go over progress in the major and help select your courses. Please make sure to bring your SASS audit to your advising appointment. Also, be aware that the advising office is "first-come, first-served" so please make your appointment well in advance of registration.

Sincerely,

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**CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR** (must be admitted to FIU)

- \_\_\_\_\_ A.A. or Core Curr./Gen. Ed. Requirements met (any deficiencies noted)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PSY-2020 Introduction to Psychology: "C" or better, or equivalent at another College/University [in Florida: PSY 2012].
- \_\_\_\_\_ Another lower division Psychology course: "C" or better (such as ONE of the following: PSY-2043 Advanced General Psychology, or DEP-2000 Human Growth and Development, or DEP-2001 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood, or CLP-2001 Personal Adjustment, or INP-2002 Introductory Industrial/Organizational Psychology, or SOP-2772 Psychology of Sexual Behavior).
- \_\_\_\_\_ STA-2122 Introduction to Statistics I: "C" or better, or an equivalent at another College/University [in Florida: STA-2023].
- \_\_\_\_\_ BSC-2023 Human Biology (recommended): "C" or better, or equivalent at another College/University [in Florida: such as one of the following: BSC-1005 or BSC-1010/1011, General Biology; or BSC-1085/1086 or 2085/2086, Human Anatomy].

**COURSEWORK FOR THE MAJOR:** 36 credits are needed (all grades must be "C" or better)  
 Courses are grouped into Research Sequence, Area Requirements, and Psychology Electives

**RESEARCH SEQUENCE:** (12 credit hours) Take three courses starting with STA-3123, followed by PSY-3213 and a Senior Lab

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 credits: STA-3123 - Introduction to Statistics II
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits: PSY-3213 - Research Methods
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 credits: Senior Lab - (one of the following) - NOTE: you must take STA-3123 & PSY3213 **before** you take a Senior Lab.

**Students must enroll in BOTH lecture (2credits) and lab (3credits).**

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| CLP-4315: Experimental Health        | DEP-4704: Developmental Psychology   |
| CYP-4953: Community Field Experience | EAB-4034: Advanced Behavior Analysis |
| DEP-4720: Psychosocial Interventions | EXP-4214: Human Perception           |
| EXP-4005: Advanced Experimental      | INP-4055: Industrial/Organizational  |
| EXP-4404: Learning & Remembering     | SOP-4214C: Experimental Social       |
| PSY-4932: Human Communication        | SOP-4714C: Environment & Behavior    |

**AREA REQUIREMENTS:** (15 credits total) Take one course in each of the five areas, A to E, listed below:

**(3) Area A: Experimental**

- EAB-3002: Intro to Expt. Analysis of Behavior
- EXP-3523: Memory & Memory Improvement
- EXP-4204: Sensation & Perception
- EXP-4604: Cognitive Processes
- PSB-4002: Intro to Bio Psychology

**(3) Area B: Social**

- SOP-3004: Intro to Social Psychology
- SOP-3742: Psychology of Women
- SOP-4414: Attitudes & Social Behavior
- SOP-4522: Social Motivation
- SOP-4525: Small Group Behavior

**(3) Area C: Applied**

- CLP-4314: Health & Illness
- CYP-3003: Community Psychology
- EAB-4794: Behavior Modification
- INP-4203: Personnel Psychology
- INP-4313: Organizational Psychology
- PSY-4302: Psychological Testing
- SOP-4712: Environmental Psychology
- SOP-4842: Legal Psychology

**(3) Area D: Personality/Abnormal**

- CLP-4134: Childhood Psychopathology
- CLP-4144 Abnormal Psychology
- CLP-4374: Psychotherapy
- EAB-3765: Behavior Analysis to Child Behavior Problems
- EXP-3304: Motivation & Emotion
- PPE-3003: Theories of Personality

**(3) Area E: Developmental**

- DEP-3115: Development in Infancy
- DEP-3305: Adolescence
- DEP-3404: Adulthood
- DEP-4014: Parenting & Parenthood
- DEP-4046: Psychology of Adoption
- DEP-4164: Children's Learning
- DEP-4464: Aging
- SOP-3015: Social & Personality Development

**PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES:** (9 credit hours) Take three elective Psychology courses (**MUST be 3000 or 4000 level courses**). Honors Research, Independent Study/Reading/Field Experience **do not** count for this requirement.

3		Psychology Elective 1
3		Psychology Elective 2
3		Psychology Elective 3

One hundred twenty (120) credits are required to graduate of which a minimum of 48 must be upper division credits. In addition, nine (9) credits **must** be taken outside Psychology requirements during your **last 60** hours.

**YOU MUST BRING A SASS AUDIT FOR ADVISING** (Unless you have never taken a course at FIU)

To get a SASS audit, do the following on a computer or at a kiosk:

1. Log into www.FACTS.org
2. On the left side, put your cursor on the College Advising Tools link
3. Slide the cursor to the right and click on: Institutional Degree/Program Audit
4. On the next screen, find Florida International University on the pull-down menu
5. Key in your PantherSoft student number and your 4-digit PIN number which you can find in PantherSoft
6. Click on Continue or hit "Enter" and print your SASS



































