

# UC San Diego

## PSYCHOLOGY *News*

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### 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](mailto: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!

[Register online](#) for our upcoming workshops!

- **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

### 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



### PSYCHOLOGY SENIOR SEND-OFF

*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!

### 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!

# CO-CURRICULAR RECORD

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!

## RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

### *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.

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](#).

## COGNITIVE & BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE MAJOR

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](#).



## UPDATE YOUR MAJOR!

The Psychology Department went through a major curriculum overhaul during the past year, and started offering eight new majors during Fall 2015. A ninth has been added effective Winter 2016 (see page 2). If you are a continuing student who entered UC San Diego during Fall 2014 or before, you have the option to switch your major requirements to updated ones.

Students who wish to stay in the general Psychology B.S. major will need to have their degree audits manually updated by Psychology Advising (you can do this via VAC message), but most other students should be able to change their major on TritonLink. Double majors will need to fill out new Double Major Petition forms. Students will not be able to switch into either of the discontinued majors from an updated major.

Why should you consider this option? Quite simply, the updated major requirements are a benefit to almost every student. If you have any questions at all about whether the requirement change would benefit you, contact Psychology Advising via the [Virtual Advising Center](#).

New majors as of Fall 2015 should check their major requirements too, since all students who entered this fall and have not yet chosen a major for themselves were automatically made a General Psychology B.S. This may not be the major of your choice, so check your Degree Audit!

## PSI CHI: PSYCHOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

**Psi Chi (ΨΧ)** is the International Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. With over 1,050 chapters, Psi Chi is one of the largest honor societies in the United States. Psi Chi has inducted over 500,000 members from chapters in the United States and Canada. Members include B.F. Skinner, Philip Zimbardo, and Dr. Phil. Membership is an earned honor which is for life. It may be used for reference purposes such as for graduate school and job applications. Members have the opportunity to present research at scientific meetings, and to participate in competitions.

Psi Chi is a part of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Psychological Science (APS).

Psi Chi meetings are Thursdays at 6:30 pm in McGill 1350. Visit the [UCSD Psi Chi website](#) for more details and keep your eyes peeled for a monthly Psi Chi newsletter too!

## 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.



## RESEARCH METHODS

Psychology students have a new way to meet their Formal Skills requirement, while gaining experience critical to graduate school success. Consider enrolling in the brand new PSYC 70: Research Methods course this quarter!

## NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!

The Psychology Department is working on a massive overhaul of our website. We hope to have more mobile-friendly features and easy navigation. In the meantime, you may experience hiccups as the site is ported to our new platform. We hope these are few, but please bear with us. Our new site should be available some time this quarter!