

NEW PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

As a reminder, the new Psychology majors go into effect in Fall 2015; you will not be able to select a specialization, submit a petition, or officially change your major until classes begin in September. However, you can and should become familiar with the changes to our major requirements, and may wish to attend one of our workshops Introducing the New Psychology Majors during Spring quarter!

Students who have entered UC San Diego before Fall 2015 and will be graduating after Summer 2015 may choose to follow either the new or old major requirements. Students graduating prior to Fall 2015 must follow the old major requirements.

For more about our new majors, including Areas of Specialization, see page 3 and the Psychology Department [website](#).

SPRING ADVISING WORKSHOPS

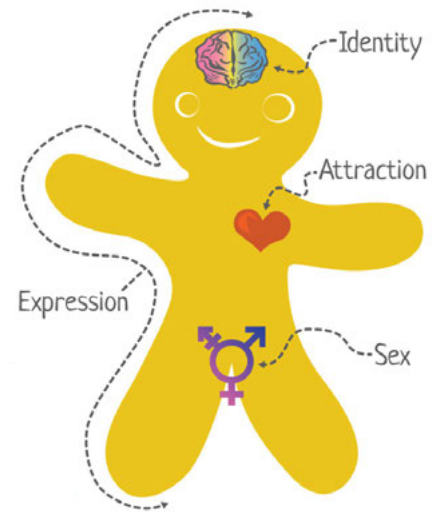
This quarter we have a great lineup of advising workshops, including several career panels, to help you enhance your learning experience and support your future plans in and out of college.

[Register online](#) for one or more of our workshops!

- **Introducing the New Psychology Majors**
Wednesday, April 15, 2:15-3:45 pm, Mandler 3545
- Tuesday, April 28, 3:00-4:30 pm, McGill 1350
- Friday, May 22, 10-11:30 am, Mandler 3545

- **Get PSYCH-ed! Career Options & Aspirations**
Friday, April 24, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Mandler 3545
- **EAP First Steps for Psychology Students**
Wednesday, April 29, 2:30-3:30 pm, Mandler 3545
- **Academic Internships in Psychology**
Thursday, May 7, 12:00-1:00 pm, Mandler 3545
- **Not Your Typical Psychology Career**
Wednesday, May 13, 12:00-1:00 pm, Career Svcs. Horizon Rm.
- **Alumni Career Panel & Mixer**
Friday, June 5, 4:00-7:00 pm, Career Svcs. Horizon Rm.

Register for the Career Services Center panels on [Port Triton](#)



SPRING CLASSES

- PSYC 134: Eating Disorders (Kaye)
W 5:00-7:50 pm (WLH 2001)
- PSYC 147: Gender (Oliver)
T/Th 11:00 am-12:20 pm (CICC 101)
- PSYC 193: Mysteries and Myths of Memory (Pashler)
T/Th 9:30-10:50 am (Mandler 1539)
- PSYC 193: Evolutionary Psychology of Love and Attraction (Oliver)
T 5:00-7:50 pm CENTER 101

Upper Division Standing required for classes above.

Contact Psychology Advising through the [Virtual Advising Center](#) for enrollment authorization.

THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

2015 PSYCHOLOGY HONORS POSTER SESSION

FRIDAY, **MAY 29TH**, 2015, 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

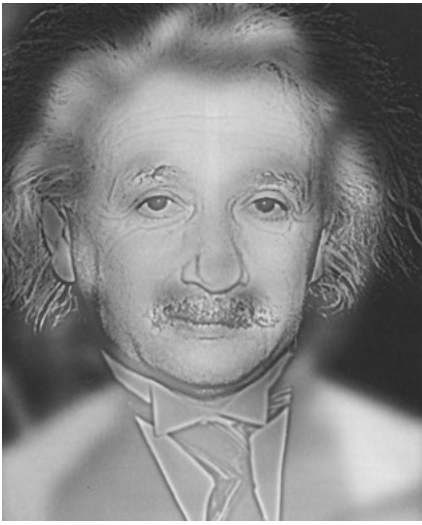
Virtual Advising:

<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!



DID YOU KNOW...

...that flickering images can make **Albert Einstein** look like Marilyn Monroe? (Dr. Stuart Anstis)

...that seeing pictures of actions in sequence helps **babies** to remember these actions? (Dr. Leslie Carver)

...that we remember **Facebook posts** better than we remember faces? (Dr. Christine Harris and Dr. Nicholas Christenfeld)

...that typical infants may be **synesthetes** (perceiving black shapes as being a particular color associated with that shape)? (Dr. Karen Dobkins)

...that if a **ban on large sodas** went into effect, people would likely consume greater amounts of soda, and companies would make more money by offering it to them? (Dr. Edmund Fantino)

...that bilinguals experience more "**tip of the tongue**" states than monolinguals, because both of their languages are activated at the same time? (Dr. Vic Ferreira)

...that young children will continue to take advice from someone who repeatedly tricks them, even if that someone is the "**Big Bad Wolf**"? (Dr. Gail Heyman)

...that a person can be **colorblind** in only one eye? (Dr. Don MacLeod)

...that adjusting the time between first learning information and reviewing it can **maximize your performance on an exam**? (Dr. Hal Pashler)

...that using a mirror can reduce the pain of "**phantom limbs**"? (Dr. V.S. Ramachandran)

...that we're more likely to skip short, **predictable words** when reading? (Dr. Keith Rayner)

That Psychology Undergraduates have the opportunity to work with top scientists studying these phenomena and more?

THINKING ABOUT YOUR CAREER?

Are you trying to narrow down your career options, come up with a career path, or figure out graduate school? We're working on some extra-special career panels to help our students learn more about their options as graduates of the Psychology Department!

On Friday, April 24th, we will be presenting "Get PSYCH-ed! Career Options and Aspirations in Psychology" featuring psychologists from underrepresented populations in town for the American Psychological Association conference. Register [online](#).

Then we have "Not Your Typical Psychology Career" on May 13th. This panel will focus on Psychology-related careers outside the fields of Clinical, Counseling, and Experimental Psychology. You'll hear first-hand from a panel of experts that took a career path still related to their major, but outside of the "typical" paths many of our students are familiar with.

And as part of Alumni Weekend, we're pleased to present our Alumni Career Panel and Mixer. We asked, you answered: we invited alumni from the top career fields of interest, as voted on by current Psychology students just last month, to join us to share their stories. Following our speaker panel, we've invited even more alumni to mix and mingle at our mixer, giving you the opportunity to chat one-on-one with someone actually working in your field of choice.

Not Your Typical Psychology Career: Wednesday, May 13 (noon-1pm)
Alumni Career Panel and Mixer: Friday, June 5 (4pm-7pm)

Both the May and June events will be in the Career Services Center Horizon Room; register for both panels on [Port Triton](#).

SONA: UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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. You are making an important contribution to the research community in our department and the UCSD campus at large. 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 more than two unexcused no-shows have been accumulated.

For more information on SONA please check out the [SONA page](#) on UCSD's Psychology Department website.

GETTING TO THE CORE

New Core? Old Core? What Gives?

We have added some new Core classes to our offerings effective Fall 2015! We hope you will agree that this is a positive change. But it has the potential to be confusing! So here is the bottom line:

<i>Old Majors</i>	<i>New Majors</i>
Core classes: 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 (Cannot use 100/163 or 108)	Core classes: 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 108 (Cannot use 103)

SO REALLY, WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH THE NEW MAJORS?

Here's the scoop. Our old requirements hadn't been updated since some of our faculty were students... Our new major requirements are more up-to-date with those of other top-notch Psychology program around the country. While some B.S. students require the advanced understanding of calculus covered in the Math 20 series for their Psychology research work and future careers, for many B.S. students the Math 10 series provides adequate background for the research and career endeavors they plan to pursue. And all students would benefit from taking a Research Methods class. Plus, there was a great advantage to students to have their Area of Specialization recognized on their degree.

So our faculty got to work, carefully examining our course offerings and our students' interests. They came up with new requirements for the BA and the BS, as well as six BS specialities for students to choose from. Our new majors are the result of lots and lots and LOTS of work, time, and thought, and we hope that you find one that reflects the academic path most of interest to you!

You may have noticed that one of the biggest differences between the old majors and the new majors can be found in their Formal Skills requirements. Students following the old BA major requirements were required to complete at least one Calculus course of three required Formal Skills; students following the new BA major requirements can complete their degree with just two required Formal Skills, including Research Methods, Logic, and Calculus. Students following the old BS major had to complete a full year of the Math 20 series (Calculus for Science and Engineering Students), while students following the new major must complete Research Methods and two Calculus courses from either the Math 10 or 20 series.

Our Upper Division requirements were also adjusted; we went from requiring 5 Core classes (out of a possible 6) to requiring 4 Core classes (out of a possible 7). For the Bachelors of Science with Areas of Specialization, students are now required to take the Core class(es) that correspond to their chosen area. And all students have the opportunity to take one additional Elective class of their choice (as we removed one Core requirement, but our total number of required classes stayed the same).

Remember, the new majors go into effect during Fall 2015; you won't be able to officially switch until then. But you can start following the guidelines for your chosen new major now. To find out which major is best for you, look at the differences on our [website](#).

THE NUMBERS GAME

You may have noticed that some of our classes are being renumbered! To help better organize our new major courses, we made a few small changes. The following changes go into effect in Fall 2015:

- PSYC 103 becomes PSYC 122 (not a Core)
- PSYC 163 becomes PSYC 100 (new Core)
- PSYC 107 becomes PSYC 116

PSI CHI: PSYCHOLOGY HONORS SOCIETY

Psi Chi ($\Psi\chi$) 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, Dr. Phil, and Hugh Hefner. 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!

Join PsiChi for a Graduate Student Panel on Thursday, April 16, from 5:00-6:30 pm in McGill 1350!