

Psychology Undergraduate News

Welcome Back to OSU!

Welcome back! It's fall quarter at OSU...time for football, cooler weather, and getting back into the swing of classes. We hope that you had a great summer and are now ready for an exciting 2006-07 academic year.

The 2005-06 year was one of great change in the Psychology Department, as we moved to our new building. All of the finishing touches on the building are complete, and many of your Psych courses will now be located here. One important area of the building that you will want to get acquainted with (if you haven't already) is the advising office in room 015. Our staff of four academic advisors is available to help you on your journey through Ohio State. We recommend that you see an



advisor as frequently as necessary. If you are a junior or senior, you may want to check in to make sure that you are on track to graduate in your planned quarter, or talk about graduate school or other post-graduation options. Freshmen and sophomores should be checking in to plan a path for completing courses in the major, how to look for an internship, or to learn more about the require-

ments of the Psych major. Advisors are available by appointment throughout the day, and even some evening hours. You can make an appointment by calling 292-5750. Advisors are also available each weekday during walk-in hours from 11-12 and 2-3. This time is set aside for quicker questions that can be answered in a few minutes.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Psychology Advising Office Events

Major Orientation

Students must attend a Major Orientation to officially become a Psychology major. These provide students with the essential information to get started, and are offered weekly. Please RSVP for this on the Psychology Undergraduate webpage.

Thinking about Graduate School?

Then join us on Friday, October 13th from 2-3 for our Grad School Orientation. The process of selecting a graduate school and the entire application process will be addressed. Please RSVP on the Psych Undergrad webpage.

The Psychology Enrichment Program:

The Psychology Enrichment program kicks off on Wednesday, October 25th when Dr. Lisa Libby takes An Inside Look at Romantic Relationships. The program will be at 5:00 in PS035. Please RSVP on the website.

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Changes to your schedule

- *Friday, September 22nd* — Last day to add courses via the web.
- *September 23-29*—To add a course, you need instructor's written permission (use "Course Enrollment Permission" slip) and have this posted by the college (ASC Advising in Denney Hall).
- *September 30th* —To add a course from here on, you need all of the above plus the department chair's (for the course) signature.
- *October 6th* —Last day to drop courses without a "W" on your record; last day to add course without petitioning; last day to register for Audit or Pass/Non-pass options.
- *November 3rd*—Last day to withdraw from Spring quarter without petitioning.



Honor's Reception

The annual Honor's Reception to recognize top students in the department and allow them to mingle with faculty and staff will occur on Tuesday, November 7th at 4:30 PM in the ground floor lobby of the Psychology Building. Invitations will be sent in October.

The Psychology Peer Mentoring Program

For new freshmen at Ohio State, the questions can be endless. What classes should I take in winter? How do I get involved on campus? Who has the cheapest and best pizza on campus? Providing answers to these questions, and many others, is the job of the Psychology Peer Mentors. Eight upper-classmen in the Psychology major were selected to serve as mentors for the 2006-07 academic year, and started planning in the spring during training. The job of the mentors is to get in touch with incoming freshmen who have applied to be in the program before they arrive in September and give these students someone to assist them with the upcoming transition. The mentors also plan a full schedule of fun events throughout the Autumn Quarter to help get new students involved. The mentors have a wide variety of interests within the field of Psychology and involvement, ranging from coordinating the Stress and Health Study to coaching high school football to interning in Washington, D.C., for a US senator. We look forward to an exciting Autumn Quarter with our mentors.



The 2006-07 Psychology Peer Mentors:

Colleen Carr– Senior from Newark, OH
 Adam Diamond– Jr from Orange, OH
 Aubrey Ford– Sr from Cincinnati
 Maia Greene-Havas– Jr from Cleveland
 Stephen Ip– Senior from Columbus
 Amber Kokal– Senior from Mentor, OH
 Jaclyn Louis– Senior from Cincinnati
 Edwin Szeto– Jr from Upper Arlington

Calendar of Events:

Sept 18th– Mentor-Mentee Kickoff
 Oct 3rd– Psychology Movie Night
 Oct 9th– Dinner with Psych Faculty
 Oct 23– Haunted Tour of OSU
 Nov 7– What every new Psych major should know about the field

Honors Recognition & Awards

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Awards:

In Spring Quarter, the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences presented awards to undergraduates doing outstanding research. The Psychology Department is proud of our students who were recognized:

Morgan Finy: *Environmental Effects of Brain Estrogen Receptor Expression & Aggression*. Faculty Advisor: Randy Nelson

Sheeva Mostoufi: *Cultural Differences in Life Event Predictions and Implications for Cognitive Models of Depression*. Faculty Advisor: Daniel Strunk

To be eligible for a SBS Undergraduate Research Award, you must be completing a project with a faculty member. Awards for 2007-08 should be applied for in Spring Quarter, but students can start working now to secure faculty assistance with their research work.

Students Recently Admitted to Candidacy for Honors in Arts and Sciences:

Namrata Ahuja, Michael Andorka, Kristen Ball, Jessica Bencar, Laura Bills, Natasha Buchenroth, Joy Chang, Meghan Hian, Elizabeth Juhasz, Nardene Karaman, Rachel Kepley, Allison Landoll, Martha Leffler, Jessica Love, Stephanie Lynch, Kevin McCarthy, Shane Melanko, Rachelle Morgan, Neagum Patel, Merrill Perlow, Sarah Reilly, Bruce Scroggin, Lindsey Smith, Sandra Sprong, Scott Sutton, Stephanie Welin, & Rachel Williamson.

Students Recently Admitted to Candidacy for Distinction in Psychology:

Scott Adams, Namrata Ahuja, Tara Anderson, Bethany Bates, Derek Bower, Aleah Burson, Ben Emmert-Aronson, Sima Finy, Kelly Greiwe, Michael Hamway, Alexandra Lammers, Sarah Michalos, Sheeva Mo-

stoufi, Erin Schlegel, Ashley Stultz, Ziyang Yang, & Dow-ann Yeh.

Students completing an approved honors curriculum both in the major and GECs with a minimum of a 3.3 GPA are eligible to graduate with honors in Arts and Sciences. Students who will complete a senior honors thesis, the Psychology H783 course sequence, and graduate with a minimum of a 3.3 GPA overall and a 3.5 GPA in Psychology are eligible to graduate with distinction in the major.



The Psychology London Trip

Each year, approximately 20 undergraduate and graduate students, along with two Psychology faculty/staff members, travel to London for 10 days between spring and summer quarter to study the culture and history of London. Sites on the itinerary include Darwin's Home, the Freud Museum, Cambridge, the Tower of London, The Globe Theater, The London Eye, and much more.

This year's trip is scheduled to take place from June 8-18th, 2007. More information can be found by visiting the Office of International Education website at <http://oie.ohio-state.edu> and clicking on London Psychology Trip. You can learn more about this trip at the Study Abroad Fair sponsored by OIE to be held in the RPAC in October. An information night will be held in the department later in the Autumn Quarter, so keep your eyes open for these sessions. Students participating in the London Trip will receive 3 credits of Psychology 697 credit. These credits do NOT count towards your major program in Psychology, but will count as hours towards graduation.

Participation will be limited to juniors, seniors, and graduate students in Psychology, and the deadline to apply will be in January, 2007. Past participants have called this London Trip one of their best experiences as a student at OSU. We hope that you'll consider joining us for this fantastic week of learning and fun next summer.



Psychology Student Organizations

While there are literally hundreds of student organizations at Ohio State that you will undoubtedly get involved with, we encourage you to remember your Psychology organizations. These organizations provide you with the chance to meet others in the major and look great on applications to graduate school in the field, or when applying for jobs. These organizations do a variety of activities each year. For individuals interested in any of our undergraduate student organizations please check out their websites:

Minority Psychology Student Association (MPSA) - <http://mpsa.org.ohio-state.edu/about.html>

Neuropsychology Club (NPSA) - <http://www2.psy.ohio-state.edu/NPSA/>

Psi Chi - <http://www2.psy.ohio-state.edu/psichi/>

Psychology Club - <http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/html/psychclub.htm>

Looking Ahead

We're already planning for Winter Quarter 2007. Among the events that we are working on are:

- **How to Apply to Graduate School Seminar:** This program, to be held in January, will take the Grad School Orientation program a step further. This seminar will have a panel of current grad students, talking about their experiences in the grad school search, and a detailed look at how the process works, from searching through admission.
- **Internship/Volunteer/Grad School Fair:** In February, we will provide an opportunity for companies in the Columbus area who commonly employ Psych students and grad programs at OSU where Psych students often go to attend our Fair. In past years, more than 40 organizations have been represented. Students will have the opportunity to gather information and speak with representatives.

Winter Quarter Scheduling Information

See below for the schedule of registration windows which open based on University rank. Make sure to check for course prerequisites/permissions and have these posted before your window opens. You will receive your scheduling window via e-mail from the Registrar in early October.

October 16-17 — University Priority
October 18-19 — Graduating Seniors
October 23-27 — Rank 4
Oct 31-Nov 2 — Rank 3
November 6-8 — Rank 2
Nov 13-16 — Rank 1

Additional Course Information:

Honors Courses in Winter Qtr.:

H100 General Psychology 5 cr.
H320 Intro to Data Analysis 5 cr.
H321 Quant and Statistical Methods in
in Psychology 5 cr.
H325 Intro to Social Psychology 5 cr.
H340 Life Span Development 5 cr.
H783 Honors Research 3 cr.

New Courses for Winter Qtr.:

313 Behavioral Neuroscience 5 cr*
389 Career Exploration in Psych 3 cr**
515 Psych of Emotion 5 cr

* Psych 313 has been offered before, but now has a new title and is worth 5 credit hours.

** Psych 389 will NOT count as part of the 48 hours needed in the Psych major.

For BS Students (Winter Qtr):

320 Intro to Data Analysis 5 cr.
321 Quant. & Stat Methods 4 cr.
520 Experimental Social Psych 5 cr.