Psychology Declaration of Major Orientation for Hybrid Students

WELCOME!
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These slides only apply to students who wish to complete the BA in Psychology online

Department of Psychology

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- Main Office – Sakamaki Hall C400 4th floor
  - For any questions about the undergraduate Psychology Program, please come to the Advising Office in Sakamaki D409!
Hybrid BA Program

- Starting spring 2016, students can complete the BA online.
  - 9 credits must be completed face to face
  - Only Psychology courses are part of this program.
  - It is intended to allow students to complete the BA, not earn all degree credits.
  - Students must be declared majors.

Online Courses

- Hybrid Psychology students take courses online through extension (Outreach College) including some 4X9 classes.
- Caution: Extension course will be more expensive and there is reduced financial aid.
- Extension courses are available for both semesters and summer.
The Purpose of this Orientation

- TO:
  - Inform you of the requirements for a degree in Psychology.
  - Explain the processes for declaration and graduation
  - Make you aware of some of the special opportunities provided to Psychology majors.

The Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office

- Appointments for phone advising can be made online at the website: http://www.psychology.hawaii.edu/undergraduate/advising-office.html.
- When keeping an appointment please be logged into STAR through MyUH
- The Department Adviser can approve class adds, withdrawals, leaves of absence, VA forms and a few other issues.
Declaring a Psychology Major

- Before students can officially declare a major in Psychology, they must pass with a C or above:
  - PSY 100: Survey of Psychology
    - PSY 100: Survey of Psychology is a pre-requisite for all other PSY courses at UHM.
    - PSY 100 cannot be taken concurrently with other PSY courses.
  - Statistics (PSY 225)
  - Research Methods (PSY 212)

Pre-Psychology Courses

- Students may still enroll in (most) other PSY courses prior to completing the Pre-PSY courses.
- The PSY entry GPA is 2.50 including transfer course work in PSY. This applies to all students entering UHM since Fall 2012.
- This applies to transfer students even if you started in the UH System before Fall 2012.
How to Declare

- Once you have completed all pre-major requirements (including this session), get a declaration form via email from the Psychology Advising Office.
- Deadlines are Nov. 1 for fall and April 1 for spring.
- You cannot register for certain classes the following term unless you meet these deadlines. (Allow 2-3 weeks for processing)

Overview of Psychology Degree Requirements

- Hybrid B.A. PSY = 36-37 credits in PSY
  - Minimum 9 credits must be taken in person.
  - Minimum 15 credits of upper-division PSY courses (courses numbered 300 and above)
  - Transfer students: Minimum 15 credits in PSY completed at UH Manoa
Psychology Graduation Requirements

- B.A. PSY GPA minimum of 2.00 or higher
  - GPA is based on your grades in psychology classes at UH Manoa and Manoa Outreach
- The department strictly enforces this requirement!

A word on the major GPA...

- Courses in which the grade is a “C-” or lower do NOT count toward your major requirements. (This includes transfer courses.)
- But they DO affect your major GPA.
- Remember the drop deadline. It might be better to get a W than an F or a D.
- Consult a Psychology advisor if your major GPA drops below the minimum necessary for your degree.
Course Requirements

- **Statistics**
  - **PSY 225**: Statistical Techniques or SOCS 225
    - PSY 225 offered Summer and Extension terms
    - SOCS 225, offered at UHCCs
    - SOCS stands for Social Sciences, not Sociology!
    - Although SOCS 225 is not a PSY department course, it is still factored into your major GPA.
    - Frequently offered online.

Course Requirements, cont.

- **Research Methods**
  - PSY 212: Survey of Research Methods
  - Since Fall 2013 PSY 212 is 4 credits at UHM, 3 credits at UHCCs
  - Always offered Fall and Spring semesters and sometimes in the Summers.
  - Not offered online on a regular basis.
Course Requirements, cont.

- **BA: FOUR CORNERS!**
- One course from four of five discipline areas* (“corner courses”):
  1. *Experimental* – PSY X2X
     - (e.g., 220, 322, but not 225)
  2. *Psychobiology* – PSY X3X
     - (e.g., 230, 331)
     - (e.g., 240, 341, 442)
  4. *Social or Personality* – PSY X5X or X6X
     - (e.g., 250, 260, 352)
  5. *Clinical or Community* – PSY X7X or X8X
     - (e.g., 270, 280, 371)

*Students entering UHM before Fall 2014 need 3 of 4

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Course Requirements, cont.

- **Example:** A student could take PSY 325 *(Experimental)*, PSY 240 *(Developmental)*, PSY 250 *(Social)* and PSY 371 *(Abnormal)* to complete this requirement.

- Many of these courses are offered online during the Fall and Spring semesters and during Summer.
- Most of these courses only have PSY 100 as a pre-requisite – even the 300-level courses.
  - Check the UH Manoa Catalog for course pre-requisites.
Course Requirements, cont.

- **Advanced Topics Seminar Course**
- **One is required for B.A. Students**
  - Courses are numbered 4X9
    - (e.g., 409, 449, 459, 479)
    - **PSY 499: Directed Research does NOT fulfill this requirement. Hybrid students are not allowed to take PSY 499**
    - Best to take your 4X9 one semester prior to graduation. NOTE: Pre-Registration Procedure.
    - You **must** be a major to register for 4X9.

Course Requirements, cont

- **Note that most Advanced Topics courses are WI and many also fill other focus requirements.**
- **Pre-registration**
  For high demand Advanced Topics courses, the Advising Office will send an email to majors only to ask them if they want a 4X9 class for the coming semester.
B.A. Course Requirements

- PSY 100 (3 credits)
- PSY212 (3-4 credits)
- PSY/SOCS 225 (3 credits)
- 4 PSY Corner Courses (12 credits)
- 1 PSY4X9 Advanced Topics (3 credits)
- 4 PSY elective courses (12 credits)
  - Total of 36-37 credits
  - 15 credits of those earned must be 300+

Psi Chi Honor Society

- National Honor Society in Psychology
- Requirements:
  - Completion of 3 or more semesters of college
  - Declared major in PSY
  - Completion of 12 or more credits in Psychology
  - Cumulative and major GPA of 3.0 or above
- Contact psichi@hawaii.edu for an application. Hybrid students cannot be active members.
Graduation Application

- A goldenrod form is used to certify completion of major requirements

- To be completed at least one semester prior to graduation and early in that semester along with a graduation planning sheet.
  - Can be done via email.
  - Example: A student who plans to graduate in Fall 2016 should complete the Goldenrod in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016.

Please contact the Psychology Advising Office for...

- Assistance with course planning and all degree requirements.
- Information on graduate school and careers in psychology
- Any questions or issues related to the major, registration, or graduation
Advising Emails

- We frequently send important emails, so please be sure to read any emails you get from us.
- For example: Advanced Topics pre-registration, important deadlines, scholarship information.

Online Resources

- Psychology Department
  - [http://www.psychology.hawaii.edu/index.html](http://www.psychology.hawaii.edu/index.html)
- ACCESS Office for Social Sciences
  - [http://www.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/Departments/access.html](http://www.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/Departments/access.html)
- Manoa Advising Center
  - [http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/mac/](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/mac/)
- UH Manoa Catalog
  - [http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu](http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu)