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PSYCHFEST 2006
SEPTEMBER 27
4-7PM
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EVERYONE SHOULD BE THERE!

WATCH FOR:

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS STARTING IN OCTOBER

PSA & PSI CHI
Meetings
Every Other Wednesday
7PM
230 Psychology Building

http://psychology.msu.edu

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WELCOME TO PSYCHOLOGY!

Welcome to the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University. We are happy that you have chosen to pursue your academic interest in this field. As a new student majoring in Psychology, you will need to understand and learn the requirements for your degree as well as the resources available to you on our campus. The Psychology undergraduate web page contains valuable information that will help you in choosing courses, careers, investigate areas of interest, understand degree requirements and much more.

Once you have looked over this information, we encourage you to schedule an appointment with one of us to review and plan your academic progress. You can access the Adviser Scheduling System at the Psychology Undergraduate Homepage: http://psychology.msu.edu.

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CAREER OPTIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES

Approximately seventy-five percent of psychology graduates go directly into the workforce with a bachelor's degree. Graduates of our department can compete effectively with other students who obtained a general/liberal arts education, as well as those who opted for more specialized curricula. Your performance as a psychology major and your willingness to prepare for a variety of career options will influence your attractiveness to employers and eventual career placement. Preparing for the job market and then building your career take planning and effort over a long period of time. You should take steps each semester, beginning with your freshman year, toward this end. Strive to incorporate the following into your undergraduate experience from a combination of course selections and other activities:

Ψ Oral and written communication skills
Ψ Critical thinking
Ψ Leadership
Ψ Problem solving
Ψ Computer literacy
Ψ Research methodology
Ψ Work experience

CAREER AREAS FOR PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES

Graduate school is another option for psychology graduates. Due to the breadth and diversity of courses in the psychology degree, students can apply to graduate school within the field of psychology or choose to apply to other related programs. Students need to begin preparing for graduate school early in their college career, as it is very competitive. Students admitted into psychology Ph.D. programs typically have at least a 3.5 GPA, GRE (www.gre.org) scores above 1200, and in depth research experiences. Students looking at programs at the master's level and outside of psychology have varying expectations but the minimums are at least a 3.0 and GRE scores of 1000.

Meeting with advisers and faculty is imperative for finding out how to apply to graduate school and to decide whether or not it is a good option for your career plans. Understanding how to get there and what it entails takes time and a lot of planning. Don’t wait until it is too late!
StUDENT RESOURCES

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
6 Student Services Building
http://www.msu.edu/~leedyjen/hand.htm
353-9510

CAREER SERVICES AND PLACEMENT
113 Student Services Building
www.csp.msu.edu/
355-9510

COUNSELING CENTER
207 Student Services Building
http://www.couns.msu.edu/
355-8270

OMBUDSMAN
129 N. Kedzie Hall
http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/
353-8830

TESTING OFFICE
207 Student Services Building
http://www.testingoffice.msu.edu/
355-8385

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
204 Bessey Hall
http://www.msu.edu/user/lrc/
355-2363

OFFICE OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
209 Bessey Hall
http://www.msu.edu/~oss/
353-5210

SERVICE LEARNING CENTER
Student Services Building
http://www.servicelearning.msu.edu/
353-4400

FINANCIAL AID
252 Student Services Building
http://www.finaid.msu.edu/
353-5940

WRITING CENTER
300 Bessey Hall
http://writing.msu.edu
432-3610

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Freshman and sophomores go to:
Undergraduate University Division:
http://www.msu.edu/dept/uud/

- North and Off Campus
  170 Bessey, 355-3515
- East Campus
  229 E. Akers, 353-6387
- Brody Campus
  109 Brody, 353-3863
- South Campus
  S33 Wonders, 353-1660

Juniors and seniors go to:
College of Social Science
Office of Student Affairs
201 Berkey, 355-6676
http://socialscience.msu.edu/

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
150 Administration Building
http://www.reg.msu.edu/
355-3300

STUDENT LIFE
101 Student Services Building
http://www.studentlife.msu.edu/
353-5495

PREPROFESSIONAL RESOURCES
311 N. Kedzie
http://www.ns.msu.edu/cstudents/
undergraduate/
preprofessional_index.asp
353-8951

Psychology Degree Credit Distribution

Complete minimum of 120 credits (123 if you take MTH 1825).
REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

The following is a brief summary of University requirements; however, the Academic Programs handbook is the official source for University policy.

1) Complete a minimum of 120 credits with a 2.0 or better MSU GPA; 123 credits if MTH 1825 is needed. 2) Achieve a 2.0 or better Psychology GPA at MSU. 3) Complete a minimum of 30 credits at MSU with a minimum of 27 credits on the East Lansing campus after Junior status. 4) Earn a minimum of 20 credits while in the major. 5) Courses used to satisfy specific degree requirements may not be taken on a CR/NC basis. 6) No more than 10 of a student's last 30 credits may be transferred from a 4-year accredited college/university. PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED. 7) No more than 56 credits will be accepted from a 2-year institution.

Note: Before taking a course at another institution, you should clearly understand the MSU policy on transferability of courses. For more detailed information go to http://www.admis.msu.edu/transfer.asp and consult with your academic adviser.

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES REQUIREMENT

The Integrative Studies requirement includes the completion of course work in the Arts and Humanities, the Biological and Physical Sciences, and the Social Sciences. Specifically, these requirements include IAH 201-210, plus a second IAH course beginning at 211, for a total of 8 credits; the completion of an ISB and an ISP course (with 2 credits of lab) or alternative track for B.S. students, for a minimum of 8 credits; and one ISS 200-level and one ISS 300-level course, for a minimum of 8 credits.

WRITING REQUIREMENT

The Tier I writing requirement is fulfilled by successful completion of one WRA course numbered between 110 and 195H, with a minimum grade of 2.0. The Tier II portion of your writing requirement is fulfilled by the completion of a designated 300-400 level course in your major.

MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT

Successfully complete MTH 110, 112, 114, 116, 124, 132, or 152H; or STT 200 or 201. Bachelor of Science students must complete MTH 124 or higher. See your Psychology Adviser for details and refer to the MSU Academic Programs handbook.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

PRACTICUM
PSY 371/372
The Adolescent Diversion Project is a two-semester commitment in which the student is trained and then mentors an adolescent involved in the juvenile justice system. Contact Sean Hankins at 355-9519 or hankinss@msu.edu. http://www.msu.edu/course/psy/371/

PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP
PSY 381/382
This course is a two-semester commitment. PSY 381 is in the spring and is a training and theory course. PSY 382 is where students can put theory to practice. This internship is offered in the summer. Internships are required to be in the human services field. Contact Sarah Handspike at 353-7271 or meadsara@msu.edu OR contact Cris Sullivan at 353-8867 or sulliv22@msu.edu.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP
SSC 493
Internships are offered through the College of Social Science in various areas of interest depending on your career goals. Contact Shari Cisco at 353-6783 or ciscos@msu.edu. http://www.socialscience.msu.edu/current/internship.html

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Research opportunities are advertised on the Psychology web page. It is also possible to contact a faculty member directly to set up an independent study in an area that interests you. Visit our web page (under Degree Enhancements) at: http://psychology.msu.edu/undergrad

STUDENT GROUPS

PSI CHI and Psychology Scholars Association (PSA) hold their meetings together. (The psychology honors society {PSI CHI} membership is by invitation). PSA is open to all students interested in the field of psychology. Contact Sally Grady at 353-7271 or grady@msu.edu. http://www.psichi.org/ or http://www.msu.edu/~psichi/

VOLUNTEERING

The Service Learning Center provides volunteer opportunities in a variety of contexts. Explore volunteer positions and apply online or contact them at 353-4400 or stop by room 30 in the Student Services Building. http://www.servicelearning.msu.edu/

STUDENT LIFE

Get involved on campus. Become a leader. Check out over 500 student organizations at http://www.studentlife.msu.edu/.
PSYCHOLOGY BS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Alternative University Science Requirement:

If you choose to complete the Bachelors of Science in Psychology, you must satisfy the University Integrative Studies Requirement with the Natural Science Alternative Track. Courses taken to complete the Alternative Track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences may not apply to the College of NATURAL SCIENCE 15 credit requirement. To complete the Alternative Track requirement, you must complete 8 credits by taking courses that consist of:

a) One course in Biological Science
b) One course in Chemistry or one course in Physics (181B or higher)
c) Two credits of laboratory experience in Biological or Physical Science

Mathematics Requirement:

A mathematics course at the level of MTH 124 or higher. If this course is used to satisfy the University Mathematics requirement, then the credits may not be counted toward the NATURAL SCIENCE 15 credit requirement.

Additional Science Requirement:

Choose one course from this list to be included in your College of NATURAL SCIENCE 15 credit requirement.

Neuroscience: ZOL 402 – Neurobiology  
ZOL 430 - Neuroendocrine Aspects of Behavior

Genetics: ZOL 141 - Introductory Human Genetics  
ZOL 341 - Fundamental Genetics  
ZOL 445 - Evolution

Physiology: PSL 250 - Introductory Physiology  
PSL 431 - Human Physiology I

Animal Behavior: ZOL 313 - Animal Behavior  
ZOL 355 – Ecology  
ZOL 415 - Ecological Aspects of Animal Behavior

The Bachelor of Science Degree is for students who are interested in the field of science and are successful in their courses. Talk to your adviser about which degree will be best for you and your future plans.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Complete a minimum of 31 credits in Psychology with a minimum 2.0 GPA, as set forth below:

Required: PSY 101 Introductory Psychology  
PSY 295 Data Analysis in Psychological Research  
PSY 395 Research Design, Test Construction, and Measurement

Choose one from: PSY 200 Cognitive Psychology  
PSY 209 Brain and Behavior

Choose one from: PSY 235 Social Psychology  
PSY 236 Personality  
PSY 244 Developmental Psychology: Infancy Through Childhood

Choose one from: PSY 255 Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
PSY 270 Community Psychology  
PSY 280 Abnormal Psychology

Choose one from: PSY 401 Memory and Skill (W)  
PSY 402 Sensation and Perception (W)  
PSY 403 Lab in Cognitive Psychology  
PSY 405 History of Modern Psychology (W)  
PSY 409 Psychobiology of the Life Span (W)  
PSY 410 Neurobiology of Learning and Memory (W)  
PSY 411 Psychobiology of Motivation (W)  
PSY 413 Lab in Behavioral Neuroscience (W)  
PSY 414 Psychology of Language (W)  
PSY 424 Child and Family Psychopathology (W)  
PSY 440 Attitudes and Social Cognition (W)  
PSY 441 Interpersonal Behavior and Groups (W)  
PSY 442 Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination (W)  
PSY 450 Thinking Critically about Psychology (W)  
PSY 455 Personnel Research Techniques (W)  
PSY 475 Personality Theories (W)  
PSY 493* Issues in Psychology(W)

Required: Elective courses in Psychology to reach 31 credits. 
The elective courses in Psychology can come from independent study (PSY 490 & 491), practicum (PSY 371/372), internship (381/382) or elective classes not listed above (PSY 239, 290, 310, 320, 330, 344, 492). You may also select additional courses from the above categories.

*PSY 493 expanded descriptions are also available on the Psychology undergraduate website.

(W) Indicates the Tier II Writing course.
Group I: Courses in the College of Social Science
Select 15 credits from the following departments:

- **ANP** Anthropology (Except 202)
- **EC** Economics
- **GEO** Geography (Except 203, 206, 206L)
- **LA** Landscape Architecture
- **PLS** Political Science
- **SW** Social Work

Group II: Courses in the College of Arts and Letters
Select 9 credits from the following departments:

- **AL** Arts & Letters
- **CLA** Classical Studies
- **ENG** English
- **Foreign Languages**
- **IAH** Int. Studies in Arts and Humanities*
- **MUS** Music
- **REL** Religious Studies
- **STA** Studio Art
- **WS** Women’s Studies

Group III: Courses in the College of Natural Science
Select 6 credits from the following departments:

- **AST** Astronomy
- **BS** Biological Science
- **ENT** Entomology
- **ISB** Int. Studies in Biological Science*
- **LBS** Lyman Briggs
- **MTH** Mathematics (see exceptions below)
- **PLP** Plant Pathology
- **PSL** Physiology
- **ZOL** Zoology

Approved Additional Natural Science Selections:

- **ANP** 202 Biocultural Evolution
- **CSE** 101 Computing Concepts and Comp.
- **GEO** 206 Physical Geography
- **GEO** 206L Physical Geography Lab
- **HNF** 150 Introduction to Human Nutrition

Exceptions: The following courses may not apply to the college requirement in Natural Science: LBS 133, 246, 290, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 355, 425, 470, 483, 490, 492, 493, MTH 1825, 290, 100E, 103, 103E and NSC courses.

*If this course is used to satisfy the University requirement, then the credits may not be counted toward the college requirement.