Student Success Map

B.A. in Psychology
Department of Psychology

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FRESHMAN

Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the Student Learning Center, Health Center, Academic Advising, Wellness Center and your faculty advisor. Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors. Visit Peer Advising, Modoc 225.

SOPHOMORE

Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.

JUNIOR

Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date. Become a Peer Advisor (PSYC 310)

BEGIN YOUR Upper Division GE Pathway courses. Take PSYC 32a, 33a, 364

SENior

Confirm completion of the major with your PSYC advisor. Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.

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Consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.

An internship, PSYC 489, can be highly valuable.

Review your involvement, leadership, and cultural resumes. Have you participated in on- or off-campus activities such as clubs, community service, recreational opportunities, musical, dramatic or cultural performances, lectures or forums? Join Psi Chi.

Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers. Obtain a leadership position in Psi Chi.

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Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and résumé building. Attend a career fair on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.

Non-Profits

- Crisis Counselor
- Community Activist
- Community Relations

Other Careers

- Research Assistant
- Mental Health Technician
- Residential Youth Counselor

Private Sector

- Human Resources Manager
- Employment Interviewer
- Medical Case Manager

Government

- Teaching/Training Programs
- In-Service Director

Graduation and Beyond

ESSentials for Every Semester

- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisors in SSC 220 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Check your DPR. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (35–66 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your Student Center prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your Student Center in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your Student Center after each semester for grades and academic standing: If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an Advisor.

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