

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

APPLICATION PROCESS

How do I declare?

To declare a major in Psychology you must obtain a 2.25 or higher cumulative GPA, earned at SIUE. Transfer students must complete a semester of classes at SIUE and meet the minimum GPA requirement before declaring.

BILLING PROCESS

Will I receive a paper bill in the mail?

The university does not mail out paper bills anymore. You can go to CougarNet and view your billing statement from there. Go to: www.siu.edu, click on the "Cnet" under the box on the left side of the screen.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Where can I find out what courses are being offered each semester?

Class schedules are located at: <http://www.siu.edu/registrar/schedules/index.shtml>

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

How do I schedule an advising appointment?

Please call 618-650-2202 to schedule an advising appointment.

ADVISER CONTACT INFORMATION

How do I contact the Psychology Department Adviser?

Ms. Kelly Atkins is the department adviser for Psychology. Her phone number is 618-650-2266. Her email address is kelatki@siue.edu.

MINORS

As a psychology major, is it required I have a minor?

Yes. All Psychology majors are required to minor in a different subject area of their choice. In order to receive a degree in Psychology, you must have a minor area complete.

GRADUATION APPLICATIONS

How do I apply for graduation?

Students are eligible to apply for graduation once they are considered senior status, 90+ hours. The paperwork to apply for graduation is found in the Student Service Center in Rendlemen Hall. It takes 2-4 weeks to process the application and there is a \$35 fee.

PSYCHOLOGY 220, 221, and 494

Can I take these courses concurrently?

No. Students must take Psychology 220- Research Design and Stats I first, earn a grade of C or higher before you can take Psychology 221- Research Design and Stats II. Both

Stats I and Stats II must be completed with a C or higher before you are eligible to take Psyc 494- Senior Capstone in Psyc.

PREPARING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

With whom should I consult about preparing for and getting into graduate programs?

Although the undergraduate advisor can provide basic guidance about preparing for graduate school, if you have very specific questions about preparing for certain kinds of graduate programs, you should talk to a professor who has expertise in the area in which you are interested. A list of psychology department faculty (and professors' areas of expertise) is available at <http://www.siu.edu/education/psychology/meetfacstaff.shtml>. Also, you can learn more about the department's faculty mentoring system at <http://www.siu.edu/education/psychology/undergrad/advising.shtml>.

HELPFUL LINKS

BURSAR - <http://www.siu.edu/bursar/>

Billing and payment information

SIUE E-MAIL - <https://oitam.isg.siu.edu/~eid/cgi-bin/e-ID/>

Create and activate your SIUE email and computer accounts

PARKING - <http://www.siu.edu/parking/>

If you plan to attend classes at the SIUE campus, you will need to purchase a parking permit

SERVICE CENTER - <http://www.siu.edu/registrar/>

Provides many services to students including:

- SIUE ID cards
- transcript requests
- class schedules
- and many more

BOOKSTORE - http://books.siu bookstore.com/cgi-bin/main_lookup.exe

Textbooks may be ordered through the online bookstore service

