

Psychology Advising Newsletter Welcome Back!

Hello Psychology Majors,

We are excited to welcome you into the Fall 2020 semester soon, whether you are joining us online, in person or a combination of the two.

Please keep in mind that Monday, August 24th is the first day of classes. You have until Friday, August 28th to add any new classes and until Monday, October 5th to drop any of your classes. You can see all academic dates on the Registrar's Office website [here](#). **Please be cautious about making changes, and make sure that a change will not adversely affect your path to graduation.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not have in-person office availability this fall. We will be meeting with all students by Appointment, in Zoom. The university is doing everything it can to move all forms and paperwork to an online format, so we should be able to help you with paperwork through email and through Zoom.

During the first week of class, we would like to meet only with students who have a time-sensitive situation, such as fall 2020 course scheduling. If you have a time-sensitive issue, please schedule an appointment as soon as possible. If you want to talk about other issues and course planning for the future, and it doesn't affect your fall 2020 plans, we ask that you wait and schedule your appointment after August 28th. You can find directions for how to make an appointment in Navigate [here](#).

As a reminder, you can send generic questions to psycadvising@vt.edu and more specific questions to your specific academic advisor. You can determine who your academic advisor is by going to HokieSpa and selecting "View your General Student Information".

We hope you have a fun and safe start to the semester!

Courtney Glass, Christina Minford & Kurt Hoffman



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Summer Updates you may have missed:

- Our Department has shifted to Professional Advising model, which means that all Psychology majors will get their academic advising from either Dr. Hoffman, Courtney, or Christina. You can find your assigned advisor in Hokie Spa by going to: “View your General Student Information.”

Checksheet/DARs Update:

- The Psychology Major Checksheet for students graduating in 2022 or thereafter was released. You can find that checksheet [here](#).
- Due to the Checksheet Update for 2022 and thereafter grads, the DARs was updated, we created some resources to help you understand the changes:
 - We have created a document to help you decipher the DARs Report [here](#).
 - We also created a video [here](#).

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- [8/24](#) – 1st day of all classes (online, hybrid, in-person)
- [8/24](#) – Last day to withdraw from semester
- [8/28](#) – Last Day to Add Classes to your Schedule
- 8/19-9/4: [Welcome Week Events](#) (in-person & virtual); Incoming students, check your Hokies on Track App for details
- 9/4 : Virtual [Gobbler Fest](#)

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PSYC Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors- Please Apply for Degree

- It is incredibly important that you [Apply for your Degree](#) so that you are reading an accurate DARs and for future course scheduling.

Take Courses Elsewhere Over the Summer?:

You need to send those credits back to Virginia Tech!

- You will need to request an official transcript from the college you took courses at to be sent to Virginia Tech. Please have them send it to the VT Registrar's Office:

Office of the University Registrar

Mail Code 0134

Student Services Building Suite 250

800 Washington St., SW

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

United States of America

Phone: 540-231-6252

Email: registrar@vt.edu