

Psychology Advising Newsletter

Course Request & Midterms

Hello Psychology Majors,

We can't believe we are halfway through the Fall 2020 semester! October is quite the busy month!

Course Request is approaching! It is the main focus of this month's newsletter. This fall, Course Request will be open from October 27th – November 10th. Even though it is a few weeks away, we have already started with extra advising appointments. Make sure you keep an eye on your inbox for an email from your advisor (Christina, Courtney or Kurt) about scheduling an appointment to talk about Spring 2021. The email sent to you also contains an attachment, "Course Registration Spring 2021," with information on how to prep for Course Request and a refresher on how Course Request works.

As we approach the middle of the semester and second exams, we wanted to highlight the September Newsletter "Virtual Learning Tips & Help," located on our website [here](#). You can find additional information on page 3 of this newsletter as well. Please don't hesitate to reach out for help. If you don't know where to start you can always come to us!

We would like to highlight an awesome week of events for Transfer Students. Next week is **National Transfer Student Week!** Check out the events [here](#). We're glad your academic journey has brought you to us and we hope you take advantage of the events next week!

We wish you all the best!

Courtney Glass, Christina Minford & Kurt Hoffman



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What is Course Request?

- Course Request allows you to tell VT what you would like to take.
 - Courses are not automatically awarded so you are not guaranteed to get the courses you request! Still, it's very important to participate in course request, before the courses you want to take fill up.
 - What happens if you don't get some of your courses? You will add those courses or alternatives during the drop/add window (December 5th – January 25th)

Prepping for Course Request

- Take care of holds on your account. You can't submit Course Request if you have a hold. To check for holds go to Hokie Spa, Hokie Wallet, Administrative Holds.
- What do you need to take? There are multiple ways to find out:
 - First Year Students (including first-year transfer): review the academic plan you created in PSYC 1024 or PSYC 2024.
 - Run a DARs Report! You can run a DARs report to view the courses you have remaining.
 - Graduating in 2021?: [Apply for your Degree](#) before running your DARs. This is the only way to get an accurate DARs report
 - Graduating in 2022 or later, view this document [here](#).
- Make a List of courses you plan to enroll in and have it ready before the timetable posts (usually a few days before course request opens).

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Course Request Video

Check out [this awesome video](#) the Department of Engineering, Department of Engineering Education created about how Course Request works! Special thanks to the VT Department of Engineering.



Academic Seminars and Tutoring for Success

- Student Success Center Seminars on Academic Success and Canvas site– learn more [here](#)
- FREE individual and group tutoring through the Student Success Center – learn more [here](#).
 - Math departmental tutoring – learn more [here](#).
- Utilize Professors and Academic Advisors
 - We highly encourage you to attend any Professor’s or TA’s Zoom office hours and to contact your professor or TA if you have any questions about the course content.
 - Please don’t hesitate to reach out to your academic advisor(s) if you are struggling academically. We want to help and can point you in the right direction to academic resources.