

# WELCOME BACK! Welcome, Involvement, and Upcoming Events

Hello Psychology Majors,

We are excited to welcome you into the Fall 2024 semester! We are excited to see you around campus, whether you are new or returning.

This newsletter is will help give you ideas for campus involvement and will also include some information about upcoming events and dates.



We hope that you are settling into your fall classes well! You have until **Tuesday**, **October 8th to drop** any of your classes. You can see all academic dates on the Registrar's Office website <a href="here">here</a>.

As a reminder, you can send generic questions to psycadvising@vt.edu and more specific questions to your specific academic advisor. You can find directions for how to **make an advising appointment** <u>here</u>.

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

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## **Importance of Getting Involved**

Being involved is a great opportunity to gain more professional experience in Psychology and to build community connections with other students and professionals. While learning in class is a crucial part of college, the experiences you choose to participate in outside of the classroom are equally important. It's a chance to learn more about yourself and your future interests, and actively build community with others.

# **GobblerConnect**

Virginia Tech has over 700 student organizations that you can get involved with! You can search for VT student organizations to join through GobblerConnect <a href="here">here</a>.

Not sure where to start with getting involved? Student Engagement and Campus Life has Engagement Ambassadors who would love to talk you through the possibilities. Simply submit a questionnaire about your interests and goals on GobblerConnect and we'll connect you with a student to recommend opportunities and discuss the process for getting involved in a student organization or other opportunities.



## **Psychology Student Organizations**

## Psychology Club and Psi Chi Honors Society

- Provide information about psychology careers, graduate school preparation, and possible job/volunteer opportunities, and host various psychology area speakers.
- Follow on Instagram @psychclubatvt.

#### **Active Minds**

- Student-led mission to increase awareness about mental health issues and actively create change at VT.
- Follow on Instagram @activemindsatvt.

### The Association of Black Psychologists

- Promoting and advancing the profession of African
   Psychology, influencing and affecting social change, and
   developing programs whereby psychology of African descent
   can assist in solving problems of black communities.
- Follow on Facebook page <a href="here">here</a> and find more information on how to join <a href="here">here</a>.

Read the Friday **Weekly Announcemen**t emails from **psycadvising@vt.edu** for more information on all of the above.

## Did you Take Classes Over the Summer?

You will need to request an official transcript from the college you took courses at to be sent to Virginia Tech. Please have any official transcripts sent to the VT Registrar's Office - you can find their contact address at the bottom of this page <a href="here">here</a>.



## **Upcoming Events & Dates**

- Tuesday, 10/8: Last day to drop classes without penalty
- Tuesday, 10/8: Last day to change grade option from A-F to P/F. Last day to drop individual courses. (25% refund).
- Friday, 10/11: Fall Break Weekend (No Classes University Offices Open Friday)
- Friday, 10/25: Last day to resign from VT for the semester

# Introducing our new Psychology Student Ambassadors!

Look for these students at recruitment events and as departmental representatives.

- Lily Jo, Class of 2026
- Alyssa An, Class of 2026
- Jillean Harris, Class of 2026
- Blaine Pittman II, Class of 2027
- Oliva Cox, Class of 2025
- Kaylin Upson, Class of 2025
- Karina Patel, Class of 2025