

## DECLARING PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR?

YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR UNTIL YOU PERSONALLY SEE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CATHY RACE. CAREFULLY READ ALL OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

WITHIN 1 WEEK OF APPLYING THROUGH WESPORTAL, YOU MUST SEE CATHY RACE OR YOUR REQUEST WILL BE DENIED. AT THAT POINT, YOU WILL HAVE TO REAPPLY.

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY, just come during available hours – see end of email.

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a major in Psychology.

### BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO DECLARE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (CLASS OF 2019 & BEYOND):

If you wish to declare a major in Psychology, you should prepare as early as possible because declaration must be done during the sophomore year. Psychology does not admit students to the major after the end of the sophomore year! To be admitted, you need to have completed several major-related requirements by the end of the sophomore year (i.e., at the time of admission): (1) You need to have taken two full-credit courses in the field of Psychology at Wesleyan and received a B or higher in each course; (2) You need to have completed the Introductory Psychology (or a replacement breadth course that will allow you to use an AP or IB credit in place of Introductory Psychology), Research Methods, and Statistics requirements for the major; and (3) You need to have fulfilled the University's Stage I General Education expectations. If you are enrolled in courses needed to complete these requirements during the second term of your sophomore year, you should still go through the process of declaring the major with the department; depending on your situation, we might not formally admit you until the end of the term, once you have successfully complete the courses. If we cannot admit you immediately, you should either declare a second major or submit a deferral of major declaration form (see Student Affairs website) so that you are covered in the event that you are unable to successfully complete the declaration requirements for Psychology.

### NOT YET FINISHED WITH THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO DECLARE THE MAJOR?

Students are generally expected to declare the major at the end of the sophomore year (last day of classes). What if you are a second semester sophomore and you are enrolled in Psychology courses that you need to declare the major? You can still declare it during your sophomore year but we will hold your materials and won't formally admit you until June once we see that you have successfully completed these courses. Therefore it's important that you 1) submit a request through your WesPortal, and 2) give Cathy Race your paperwork to hold until you complete the requirements, otherwise you may jeopardize getting into the major.

### ASSIGNED ADVISOR

Cathy Race will assign an advisor. Your advisor will be entered in your WesPortal AFTER the Major Declaration has ended, over spring break. If you have made a special arrangement with a faculty member, please let her know and ask the faculty member to send her an email. Please let her know if you have a preference for an advisor. She will try to accommodate requests but she has to equally divide majors among faculty.

If your advisor will be on a sabbatical or leave, you will be temporarily reassigned during that time period. Periodically faculty's advising loads are reviewed and at times some students may be permanently reassigned to equally divide majors among faculty.

Remember all faculty advise equally to guide students with course selections and course approvals. In regard to psychology interests and questions, students are always welcome to meet with any faculty member during their office hours or at an arranged time.

**DOCUMENTS TO BRING TO CATHY RACE:**

- #1) Psychology Major Admission Worksheet – Class of 2019 and Beyond  
(worksheet can be found at: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/psyc/about/major\\_guides.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/psyc/about/major_guides.html))  
(Fill in General Education courses, completed Psychology courses, and any courses currently enrolled).
- #2) General Education Report (Print from your WesPortal).
- #3) Transfer Students: bring a copy of transcript from previous institution (can get from either your Dean or your previous institution).

**DOCUMENTS NOT TO BRING TO CATHY RACE:**

DO NOT PRINT your Academic History or your Credit Analysis Report

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO CATHY needs to be done through Wesleyan email, not Google.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MAJOR?**

- Find the answers in the Psychology Majors Manual  
([http://www.wesleyan.edu/psyc/about/major\\_guides.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/psyc/about/major_guides.html)).
- Contact one of the faculty advising experts (Kyungmi Kim, [kkim01@](mailto:kkim01@wesleyan.edu), x2414; Robert Steele, [rstele@](mailto:rstele@wesleyan.edu), x2852).
- Contact the department peer advisor (Julia LeJeune '18, [PsycDPA@](mailto:PsycDPA@wesleyan.edu)).

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