

## “Food for thought” for transfer students

- Transfer students must submit transcripts from all previously attended colleges to the Office of Admissions. The Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs then certifies which courses will be accepted for transfer credit and what their equivalencies are. The accepted courses are then placed on a Evaluation of Academic Record form, which the Psychology department and other departments will use to advise during the first few semesters, or until all transfer credits are known and accepted.
- During the past two years (from fall 2005-spring 2006 and fall 2006-spring 2007), the Psychology Department has accepted hundreds of transfer students from another university to our program.
- The Psychology Department at the University of South Carolina maintains on average 850 students total in the undergraduate major.

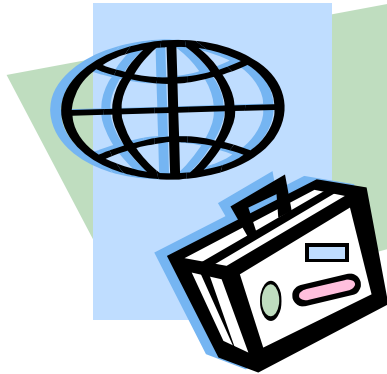
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- The Psychology Department at the University of South Carolina accepts ONLY 16 total hours of Psychology major credit from another school, in addition to Psychology 101 (Introduction to Psychology). This means that students can only receive credit for approximately five Psychology classes for major credit. Any additional Psychology credit not put towards major credit will be used for social science or general elective credit.
- The Psychology Department does not accept major credit from junior colleges, community colleges or technical schools from within South Carolina or outside South Carolina save for Psychology 101 (Introduction to Psychology).



- If you are bringing Psychology classes in with you when you transfer to the University of South Carolina’s Psychology Department, you will need to bring your syllabi for each class you wish to earn major credit for to the Undergraduate Department, located in Barnwell College, 208. Once there, you will be asked to fill out a “Request for Transfer Credit” sheet in the Undergraduate Department. One of our staff will have a professor evaluate the syllabus to see if it corresponds to the equivalent course offered at the University of South Carolina. If the Psychology

Department does not offer an equivalent course, the department can award you major elective credit for the course you are transferring in. The Undergraduate Department will then contact you within two to three weeks to tell you if your psychology credit was accepted.



- Some transfer credit will not be accepted immediately, due to a high number of transfer applicants or the pace of which former schools send transcripts and other material. Please be patient.
- All transfer students, despite their status in the former school, will be placed in what is known as “lower division” advisement. Lower division advisement is an advisement session in which several students are advised in groups led by a faculty member and an office assistant from the Undergraduate office. Depending on the classes that are transferred in, a transfer student may have to partake in lower division advising for one or more semesters. This is typical protocol. There are two criteria to moving up to what is known as “upper division” (one-on-one time with faculty member): Completion of Psychology 226 (Research Methods) and maintenance of a 2.25 GPA.
- The last thirty hours of coursework must be done in residency at the University of South Carolina. If the student wished to transfer to another college or study abroad within the last thirty hours prior to graduation, the student must petition the residency policy with the Office of Academic Affairs located in Gambrell 258. The student may pick up a petition form in the Psychology Undergraduate Department in Barnwell 208.
- For more information on transfer student policies, please visit the College of Arts and Sciences website at <http://www.cas.sc.edu>.