

FAQs about the Psychology Major: Tips for Advising
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Q1. "I have a score of 4 on the **AP Bio exam**. Do I still need to take a Bio course with a lab for the psych major?"

A1. Yes, students with scores of 4 or 5 receive NST credit and are exempt from Bio 125, but they still need to take one of the approved Bio courses (123, 125, or 126); presumably, the best placement for a student with AP scores of 4 or 5 would be Bio 126.

Q2. "I have a score of 5 on the **AP Psych exam**. Do I still need to take Psych 125?"

A2. No, students with scores of 5 receive HBS credit and are exempt from Psych 125. Majors still need to take Psych 126.

Q3. "Where can I find info about **AP/IB/PSEO** credits?"

A3. Check the link on the Registrar's webpage: <http://www.stolaf.edu/offices/registrar/apexam.htm>

Q4. "If I take an English course with **MCS-D or MCS-G** attached to it, will that count toward the psych major?"

A4. No, the MCS-D or MCS-G must be attached to a course in Sociology/Anthropology.

Q5. "How do I **transfer psych major credit** for courses that I take at another institution during the summer or as part of an off-campus program?"

A5. Complete a transfer of credit form (available for downloading from the Psych Department web page: <http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/psych/studentinfo/>). Fill out the form, indicating which part of the major you hope to fulfill with the transferred course. Attach a copy of the catalog description for the course that you took and give it to the department chair. Note: only courses that the Registrar deems acceptable for St. Olaf credit may be counted toward the psych major. It is a good idea to check with the Registrar's Office about this in advance of actually take the course.

Q6. "Can I count my internship (Psych 393 or 394) as one of the two required **Level III courses** for the psych major?"

A6. No, as noted on the department's advising worksheet, internships count toward the major but do not fulfill the Level III requirement.

Q7. "If I take two IRs (Psych 398), will that fulfill the **Level III** requirement?"

A7. No, only one Psych 398 may be used in this way.

Q8. "Where can I find a copy of the **Psychology Major Advising Worksheet**?"

A8. The pdf of the worksheet is on the department web page: <http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/psych/studentinfo/>

Q9. "How many courses may be taken **S/U** in the psych major?"

A9. Only 1 of the 12.25 courses may be taken S/U.

Q10. "How can I find out about **internships** and **grad school** in psychology?"

A10. Follow the links on the department web page: <http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/psych/studentinfo/>, <http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/psych/onlinedocs/>, and <http://www.stolaf.edu/services/cel/>