

## So You Want To Be a Psychology Major ...

### The criteria:

- Internal transfers to the Psychology major require the completion of at least 15 credit hours at Millersville, successful completion of PSYC 100 (C- or better), a CGPA of 2.25 or above, and completion of an application. An interview of the candidate by the Department Chair may be needed in exceptional cases.
- Decisions to accept new majors are based in part on space available and hence are competitive based upon previous academic performance, both in Psychology courses and overall, and on math preparation. The quality of your application and previous coursework does matter!

### Things to think about in making your decision:

- Make sure to examine your reasons and motivation. Any academic major takes a lot of time and effort.
- Psychology is a scientific discipline and has at its core a three-semester sequence of research- and quantitative-based courses – even for those having more clinical interests! (see below about math preparation)

### Things to do before applying:

- Complete your math preparation – we require students to have completed Math 101, and/or Math 130 or higher with a grade of C- or above (or to have at least tested into Math 130) before starting the Statistics & Design sequence in Psychology (i.e., PSYC 211/212) which is our first required course after PSYC 100.
- Complete at least General Psychology (PSYC 100) and one other course (usually one of the developmental courses (PSYC 227 or 228) or Human Adjustment (PSYC 256)). If you don't get at least C's or higher in those courses, consider another option – psychology is probably not for you.

### How to apply:

- If you meet the minimum criterion (see above), complete an online application. Make sure to include the essay as specified on the application. (It is recommended that the essay be written and edited first in a word processing program and then cut and pasted into the online form.)
- Timing: Applications can be submitted at any point, but please submit by the end of September or February if you want a decision in time for registration for the next semester. Applications will be reviewed approximately every month, and candidates and their advisors will be notified by email of the Chairperson's decision. If you haven't heard anything within 4-5 weeks after submitting your application, please contact the Department Chairperson.
- If your application to transfer into Psychology is approved, you will then be instructed to complete the process via the Academic Program Change Request in MAX to officially change your major.