

## Reminders for Transfer Students interested in Psychology and Integrative Neuroscience

Harpur College has a dual-advising structure: You should meet with your Harpur Academic Advisor and also meet with the advisor of your major.

- Please review the web resources for your major and download copies of the pdf information guides. Please bookmark the Psyc Advising or IN advising webpage and note the types of forms available online.
- Do you have Psyc courses you've completed that don't yet show up on your transcript or Degree Works? Make sure you have your most recent official transcript sent to Binghamton Admissions for processing.
- After you declare your major, please review your Degree Works. If anything appears to be displaying incorrectly on your Degree Works, please let us know when you meet with us.
- If you have the syllabus for a class that you think will fulfill a requirement for the Psyc or IN major, please discuss the the syllabus when you meet with us. We may ask you to email the syllabus to us or to use our online course review form where you upload a copy of the syllabus.
- For the Psychology major, you should register for courses this fall that fulfill either Psychology Electives or your math/science electives. If you are an Integrative Neuroscience (IN) major, especially someone on the pre-health track, you should be taking courses in the Chem and Bio sequences.
- If you are a Psychology major with credit standing of about 45 credits completed (not including courses in progress), we will register you into a section of PSYC 243 when you meet with us. If you are an IN major, it is probably best for you to take PSYC 243 the same semester you are taking Orgo 2.
- The "shopping cart" function for registration is convenient, but you should have a backup plan too. Write down the CRN for each course you'd like to take. Have a list of alternatives ready, so if your first choice no longer has seats available, you can simply register into one of your alternates. Make sure you look at the "Week at a Glance" function and verify that you have a balanced schedule.
- \*\*\*Remember, for each of your courses, you should be studying at least 10 hours each week (in addition to the class meeting time). For upper level courses, Psychology faculty are encouraged to state this recommendation in the syllabus for their course. Many hardworking and extremely intelligent transfer students are surprised by how much study time is necessary. If you are taking four classes this fall, you should be studying 40 hours a week. Consider your academic work to be your full time job. Please remember this and start building your study schedule from the first week of the semester on so you aren't taken by surprise when you receive your first exams.
- Psychology is in the Science Division at Binghamton University. You should be taking no more than two science courses your first semester on campus. Explore your interests and consider taking an introductory course in a liberal arts area that might help you develop a minor or a double major.
- Keep in touch with the Psychology/IN Academic Advising office ([ugpsyc@binghamton.edu](mailto:ugpsyc@binghamton.edu) and [neuro@binghamton.edu](mailto:neuro@binghamton.edu)). You will be able to make adjustments in your schedule through the last day of add/drop.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and

best wishes for a great fall semester!