

Top 10 List for Advisees

1. A major goal of a college education is developing self-direction and autonomy. This is your education that you are investing much money and time. Therefore, the more self-direction you take, the more successful you will be. Your advisor is there to help you and offer advice, but only you can make the actual choices.
2. Bring a list of courses you want to take for the upcoming semester with you to the advising meeting. This can be created by looking at the degree requirements for psychology. The BA requirements are here:
<https://valdosta.edu/colleges/psychology-and-counseling/documents/ba-checklist.pdf> and the BS degree requirements are here:
<https://valdosta.edu/colleges/psychology-and-counseling/documents/bs-checklist.pdf>
3. You can find a list of the courses, the times, and the CRN numbers for the courses you want from the Registrar, available at: <http://www.valdosta.edu/it/eas/sis/>
4. You must earn a “C” or better in Math 1111 before you can take PSYC 3500. You need a “C” or better in PSYC 2500 before you can take 3000 level PSYC classes.
5. You must earn a “C” or better in PSYC 3500 before you can take PSYC 3600. You must earn a “C” or better in PSYC 3600 before you can take any of the 4000 level PSYC classes.
6. Pay careful attention to numbers 3, 4, and 5 above because otherwise it will slow down your graduation. To graduate on time you must take (and earn a “C” or better) in Math 1111, PSYC 3500, and PSYC 3600 as soon as possible because they are pre-requisites for upper level PSYC courses.
7. Please remember that in the guided electives section of your “Psychology Check Sheet” (lower right hand corner of the sheet), 3 of the 24 required hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level in order to graduate.
8. Please be aware that your advisor has approximately 50-70 advisees. So, please be prepared for

the meeting.

9. Remember that the department has “advising week” mid-fall for the spring term and mid spring for the summer and fall terms. Please try to hold e-mail questions that occur to you during other times to discuss during your advising appointments. These questions will provide great opportunities for you and the advisor to problem solve and consider possibilities.

10. Beginning Summer 2012 semester, there will be a new minimum GPA requirement for all psychology majors. Students must maintain a 2.5 undergraduate GPA for all coursework. If your GPA falls below 2.5 you will need to declare a new majo