

PBSI MAJORS FAQ

How can I contact an advisor? *(current students only)*

Students can contact an advisor through scheduling an appointment in Navigate, Drop-In Advising, or sending an email to psycadvising@tamu.edu ; must provide their name and UIN.

For additional information on how students can contact an advisor, please visit [Undergraduate Advising | Texas A&M University College of Arts and Sciences](#)

How do I schedule a Prospective Student meeting?

- **Incoming first year and Transfer students**: Please do not schedule an advising meeting with us prior to your NSC (*New Student Conference*), as academic advising will be a part of your NSC experience.
- For **Prospective Transfer students** with admission questions, please contact **Juan Lopez** jlopez@tamu.edu
- Tours are unavailable in the Psychological & Brain Sciences Department. You may set up a tour of the Texas A&M campus by contacting the Visitor's Center, [Schedule a Visit](#).

Can I go to Medical School with a Psychology Degree?

Yes, several students in the psychology program are on the medical track. You can fit your prerequisites in your degree with careful planning. A BS-PSYC degree allows for 21 hours of sciences and 15hrs of general electives to fit prerequisites into. You must plan accordingly. Students are encouraged to speak with the [Office of Professional School Advising](#) (OPSA) to meet with medical track advisors.

For static data, please visit [OPSA Medical School Data 2024](#) for 2024 students accepted in to Medical School.

Can PBSI advise me on my Nursing prerequisites?

No, students who are interested in completing prerequisites to apply to Nursing School, must meet with an advisor from the [Office of Professional School of Advising](#).

How do I change my major?

Student who are wanting to transfer into PBSI will need to visit our [Change of Major](#) website for important information. We only advise BA/BS-Psychology, NRSC-BCN, & BS-BCNS degrees.

Students who plan to change their major outside of PBSI, you will need to contact that department or visit their webpage to determine eligibility.

How do I add/remove a minor?

Students are allowed up to two (2) minors attached to their degree. Students who are interested in adding [TAMU Minors](#) will need to see what is required to add each,

- Adding a minor to your “degree planner” does not officially add the minor to your record, an advisor must add the minor to your record.

Students who are interested in adding the [PSYC minor](#), must visit our website for updated information for prerequisites.

To remove a minor from your record, you will email psycadvising@tamu.edu with your name and UIN requesting to drop the minor.

How do I Q-drop a course?

Q-drop is done online in your HOWDY portal. You have four (4) total TAMU Q-drops. Q-Drop Request online in HOWDY from the "My Dashboard" tab under the "My Request" dropdown.

How does pre-registration work?

All students receive a 48-hour pre-registration time ticket. This can be found in your HOWDY portal in their ‘Registration Readiness’ each semester in the notifications tab. If you miss your pre-registration time, you will not be able to register until the term’s open registration begins.

Students are encouraged to visit Aggie One Stops [Registration Information](#) website, for additional information.

How do I know what classes to take each semester?

You will find courses still required in your Degree Evaluation (*the evaluation outside the planner, with no planned classes*). Students have access to their degree evaluation 24/7 in their HOWDY portal. This can be found under the “My Record” drop down. To generate a current Degree Evaluation can access the [How to Access My Degree Evaluation](#) link.

Degree Evaluations are used by PBSI advisors to ensure students take what is required to graduate.

Do you force students into classes or have a wait list?

No, PBSI does not force students into full PBSI courses or courses in other departments, due to fire code reasons.

No, PBSI does not have waitlists.

How do I send my transcript?

Student who need to [Send Transcript](#) or request to [Order Transcript](#) to/from Texas A&M University can be found in their HOWDY or contact [Aggie One Stop](#).

How do I know what courses from another institution will transfer in as?

You will check the transfer course equivalency on HOWDY. We suggest speaking with an advisor before taking courses elsewhere to make sure they will count in your degree, and you will still meet residency and ring hours. Please use link for [Course Equivalency](#)

How do I accept my AP/IB credit?

You will want to meet with an advisor before accepting AP/IB credit to discuss overall goals and time to degree. INCOMING FRESHMAN cannot accept any of their AP/IB credits until after your NSC.

If you are unable to accept or missing your AP/IB credit, please visit the [Testing Center](#) for assistance.

How do I participate in research?

You must apply to a research lab via the [Research Opportunities](#) website found on our page. New opportunities to participate in research (*PBSI 491*) will be posted prior to the upcoming semester term.

Students who have been accepted into a research lab, will email their completed and signed contract to psycadvising@tamu.edu during OPEN REGISTRATION for the correlating semester.

What are residency hours for graduation?

Students must earn at minimum **36 hours** of 300-400 level coursework taken ONLY at TAMU to graduate. This can be monitored at all times at the bottom of your [Degree Evaluation](#).

Who can I contact about Graduate school/career questions?

Graduate school: [Graduate School Preparation](#)

Career: <https://careercenter.tamu.edu/>

Next Steps program in PBSI:

Follow us for updates and more information [Career NextSteps](#), you can also email us at psyc.nextsteps@gmail.com



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