

## PBSI MAJORS FAQ

### **How can I contact an advisor?**

The PBSI website listed below has all up to date information on email, zoom drop ins, and appointments.

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/psychology/undergraduate-programs/ugadvising/>

### **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). See link below:

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/psychology/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/Degree-Evaluation-Steps.docx>

### **How do I send my transcript?**

All information on sending official transcript from your Howdy portal can be found in the link below:

<https://aggie.tamu.edu/regISTRATION-and-records/transcripts-and-diplomas/order-transcripts>

### **How do I Qdrop a course?**

Qdrop is done online in your Howdy portal. You have 4 total TAMU Qdrops. See video link below for step by step instructions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KC9pEbc8LmM>

### **How do I add/remove a minor?**

To see a list of TAMU minors and what is required to add each, see link below:

[https://registrar.tamu.edu/registrar/media/regi\\_specpdfdocs/universityapprovedminors.pdf](https://registrar.tamu.edu/registrar/media/regi_specpdfdocs/universityapprovedminors.pdf)

- Adding a minor to your “degree planner” does not officially add the minor to your record, an advisor has to add the minor to your record.
- To remove a minor from your record, you will email [psycadvising@tamu.edu](mailto:psycadvising@tamu.edu) with your name and UIN requesting to drop the minor.

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

No, PBSI does not force our own courses or courses in other departments.

No, PBSI does not have waitlists.

### **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.

### **What are residency hours for graduation?**

Students must earn at minimum 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework taken ONLY at TAMU in order to graduate. This can be monitored at all times at the bottom of your degree evaluation.

### **How does preregistration work?**

All students receive a 48-hour preregistration time ticket. This can be found in your howdy portal each semester in the notifications tab. If you miss your preregistration time, you will not be able to register until open registration. Below is a link with more information:

<https://aggie.tamu.edu/registration-and-records/classes/registration-information/undergraduate-registration-schedules>

### **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.

See link below:

<https://howdy.tamu.edu/uPortal/p/tce-ui.ctf1/max/render.uP>

### **How do I change my major?**

We only advise for Psychology & NRSC-BCN. If you plan to change majors outside of PBSI, you will need to contact that department or visit their webpage to determine eligibility. Please see link below for up to date specifics on the process:

<https://us.tamu.edu/change-of-major>

### **How do I schedule a prospective student meeting?**

- For prospective Transfer students with admission questions: [jlopez@tamu.edu](mailto:jlopez@tamu.edu)
- Prospective students who wish to meet with an academic advisor must email [psycadvising@tamu.edu](mailto:psycadvising@tamu.edu) to schedule an appointment. You may also set up a tour of the Texas A&M campus by contacting the [Visitor's Center](#).
- **For our new incoming first-year and transfer students: *Please do not schedule an advising meeting with us prior to your NSC, as academic advising will be a part of your NSC experience.***

### **How do I participate in research?**

You must apply to a research lab via the **Research Opportunities** links posted each semester

On the website: <https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/psychology/undergraduate-programs/academics/ugresearch/>

and send signed contracts to [psycadvising@tamu.edu](mailto:psycadvising@tamu.edu) during open registration for the correlating semester.

## **What is my degree planner and how do I complete it?**

Very detailed information about completing the planner including video and FAQ can be found on our website:

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/psychology/undergraduate-programs/degree-planner-information/>

PBSI ADVISING also offers optional degree planner presentations via zoom each semester.

Watch for emails.

## **Can I go to medical school with a psychology degree?**

Yes, we have several students in the psychology program on the medical route. 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.

## **Can PBSI advise me on my Nursing prerequisites?**

No, all professional school advisors are housed in the office for professional advising, see link:

<https://careercenter.tamu.edu/Resources/Professional-School-Advising/Nursing-School>

## **Who can I contact about Graduate school/career questions?**

- **Graduate school:**

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/psychology/undergraduate-programs/uggradprep/>

<https://careercenter.tamu.edu/current-students#acc15>

- **Career:**

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

- **Next Steps program in PBSI:**

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