

# Welcome to Psychology at Concordia



## New Student Orientation

# THE DEPARTMENT

- One of the largest departments
- About 1600 undergraduate students



# WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

- Loyola Campus

## PY – Psychology Building



## SP – Science Pavillion

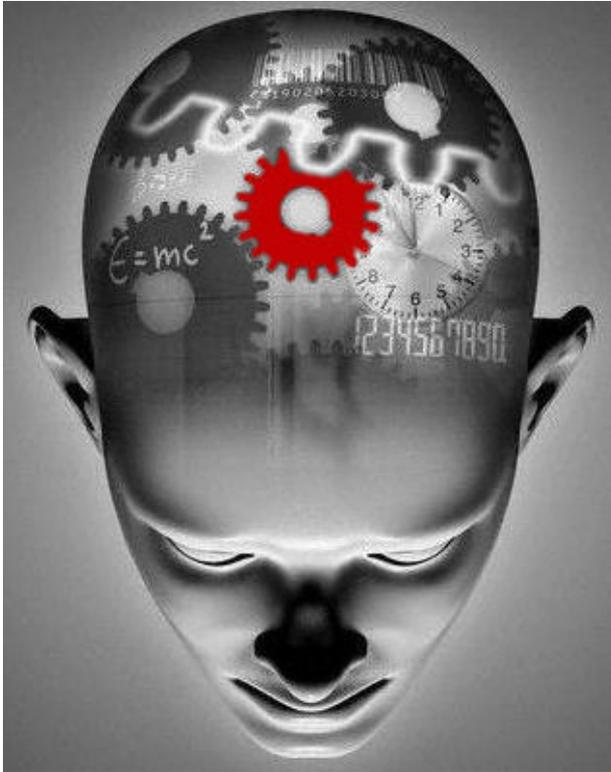


# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS



- 90 credits (min.)
  - Completed CEGEP
- 108 credits (min.)
  - Mature entry (MEP)
- 120 credits (min.)
  - Out-of-province
  - Foreign students
- **Check your letter of acceptance**

# PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMS



## ■ Degree

- BA or BSc

## ■ Program

- Major: 42 PSYC cr.
- Specialization: 60 PSYC cr.
- Honours: 66 PSYC cr.

## ■ Neuroscience Option

- BSc Specialization & Honours only

# YOUR PROGRAM

Dear

On behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Science, I am pleased to advise you that you have been granted admission to Concordia University. Your program choices have been carefully considered and you have been admitted to the following program:

**Bachelor of Science  
Specialization Psychology (Behav. Neuroscience)**

**Program Information:**

<b>Degree/Certificate:</b>	Bachelor of Science
<b>Concentration:</b>	Specialization Psychology (Behav. Neuroscience)
<b>Minimum Program</b>	
<b>Length:</b>	90 credits
<b>Status:</b>	Full Time

# PROFILE COURSES

- BA Degree
  - **Introductory Psychology - PSYC 200**
  - **Mathematics - 200-level MATH**
  - **Biology - BIOL 201 (with lab) or 202**



# PROFILE COURSES

## ■ BSc Degree

- Introductory Psych
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics

PSYC 200

MATH 203 & 205

CHEM 205 & 206

BIOL 201 (with lab)

PHYS 204, 205, 206  
224, 225, 226



# DEFICIENCIES

- Missing Profile Courses
  - These are to be completed within the program
  - They will count as non-psychology electives (even PSYC 200)

**Deficiencies:**

*You are required to take the following course(s) as part of your program*  
PSYC 200



- \* For a 120 credit program deficiencies appear in your Advisement Report.

# EXEMPTIONS

- A course you have taken elsewhere that is equivalent to a profile course
  - Exemptions carry no credit value
  - Do not take an EXEMPTED course again, you will not receive CREDIT for it.
  - Even if you have PSYC exemptions, the number of PSYC credits you must complete at Concordia remains the same (e.g., 42 for Major).



## Exemptions/Deficiencies/Transfer Credit:

*Please refer to <http://registrar.concordia.ca/pdf/InfoBooklet.pdf> for further explanation*

**Exemptions:**

*If you have received an exemption for a course, you may not take the course for credit:*

Final Exemption

BIOL 201, CHEM 205, CHEM 206, CHEM 221, MATH 201, MATH 203, MATH 204, MATH 205, MATH 206, PHYS 204, PHYS 205, PHYS 224, PHYS 225

Potential Exemption

PHYS 206, PHYS 226

# TRANSFER CREDITS

- If you have taken university-level courses elsewhere, you may have those credits transferred to Concordia.
- These courses carry a credit value and are deducted from the total number of credits you must complete.

Example: University of Alberta:

Math 205 – 3cr

Psyc 321 – 3 cr

Concordia University:

120cr – 6cr = 114 cr



# PROGRAM STRUCTURE

There are four groups of courses in the Psychology program, the required number you must take of each depends on the program you are in:

<u>Example</u>	<u>Major – 42cr</u>	<u>Honours – 66cr</u>
■ Core courses	4 (12cr)	9 (30cr)
■ Tier I courses	5 (15cr)	5 (15cr)
■ Tier II courses	None	4 (12cr)
■ Psychology electives	5 (15cr)	3 (9cr)

All of these must be 300 or 400 level, do NOT take 200-level PSYC courses, they will not count for credit.

# BASIC CORE COURSES

- All Psychology students must complete two essential courses which are pre- or co-requisites for our other courses:

PSYC 310 – Research Methods I

PSYC 315 – Statistical Analysis I

- Although you may have taken similar courses at CEGEP, remember that these are demanding university level courses.



# BASIC CORE COURSES

- Both PSYC 310 and PSYC 315 include conferences or tutorials, which are essential parts of the course
- They require the completion of specific assignments.
- They will need a significant amount of time and effort.



# BASIC CORE COURSES

- All Psychology students must also complete two other core courses:

PSYC 355 - Fundamentals of Behavioural Neurobiology

PSYC 305 – History & Systems



# TIER I COURSES

- All Psychology students must also complete 15 credits chosen from the Tier I offerings
- Tier I courses are intended to give you a broad understanding of a particular area in psychology, e.g., Social Psychology, Neuropsychology, Developmental Psychology



# TIER II COURSES

- Tier II courses explore specific issues within a given area:

PSYC 363: Sensation & Perception

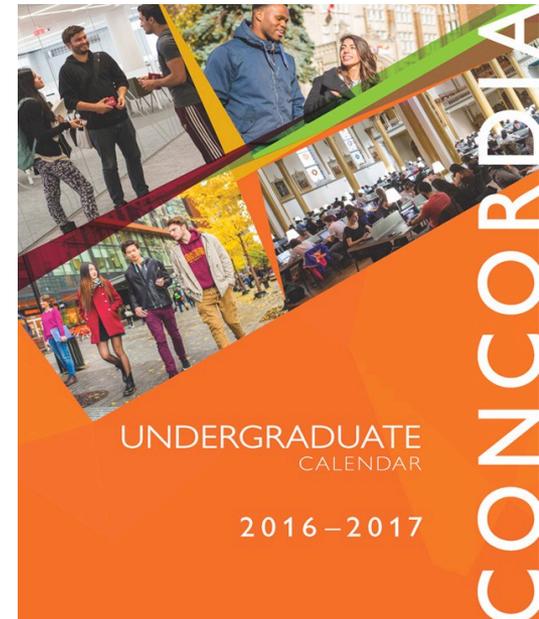
PSYC 460: Vision

- You must complete the appropriate Tier I course in order to take its Tier II counterpart



# PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES

- Once you've completed all the Core, Tier I & Tier II requirements for your program, any other 300 or 400 level PSYC course you take will count as a **Psychology** elective.
- All Psychology courses and their descriptions are listed online in the Undergraduate Calendar.
- This Undergraduate Calendar is where you will also find all the *other* courses offered at Concordia.



# COURSES COME & GO

- Just because a course is in the Undergraduate Calendar doesn't mean it is currently being offered.
- You need to consult the online Class Schedule to know what course is being offered & when.



# HOW MANY CLASSES?

- **12 to 15 credits** per term is considered a Full-Time course load.
- Four or five 3-credit courses may not sound like a lot but remember these are UNIVERSITY courses.
- Important to have an idea of what you want to do after graduating. E.g., Med school
- Look up area of interest and find out what they expect of you.

- **The workload is going to be much greater than what you've done in the past.**



# STAY OUT OF TROUBLE



You can't go to school  
*full-time*  
&  
Work *full-time*  
&  
Volunteer *full-time*  
& .....



# STAY OUT OF TROUBLE

- The general formula is :

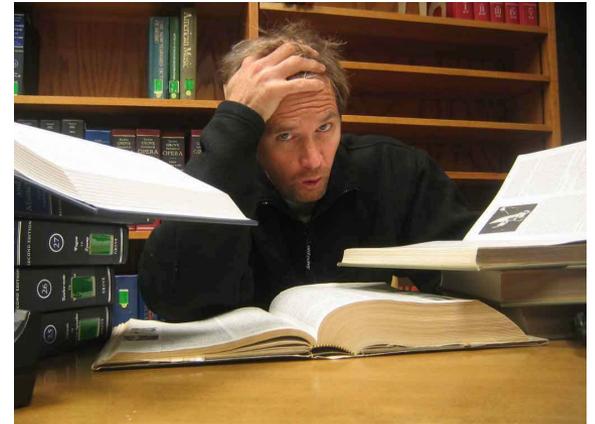
3 hours of study time / each hour of lecture time



- At times, and in particular courses, this will need to be increased
- If you work more than 15hrs/wk, that's too much!!

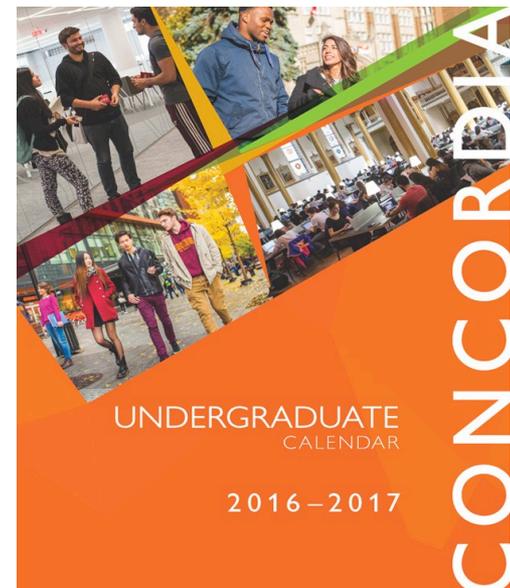
# IF YOU RUN INTO TROUBLE

- Who do you talk to if you are having problems with a course ?
  - Your professor
  - Psychology Advisor
  - Counselling and Psychological Services
- When do you look for help? ASAP!



# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- All Arts & Science students *must* take 24 elective credits **outside** their concentration.
- There is no specific list of electives because any course outside of Psychology can be considered a non-psychology elective.
- All these courses are listed in the Undergraduate Calendar under the specific departments.
- 200 level is permitted for non-psychology courses only



# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- General Education (Gen Ed) requirement:
  - 6 of your 24 non-psychology elective credits must be from outside your sector.

## BA students

- Humanities
- *Science*
- JMSB
- Fine Arts



## BSc students

- Humanities
- *Social Science*
- JMSB
- Fine Arts

# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

## ■ These are the three Arts & Science sectors:

### Humanities

- Classics
- Languages/Linguistics
- Communication studies
- Etudes françaises
- English
- History
- Journalism
- Liberal Arts College
- Diversity/Sustainability
- Philosophy
- Theological Studies
- Cdn. Irish Studies

### Social Science

- Psychology B.A.
- Applied Human Sciences
- Economics
- Education
- Geography
- Planning & Environment
- Political Science
- Religion
- School of Community and Public Affairs
- Simone de Beauvoir Inst.
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Interdisciplinary Studies

### Science

- Psychology B.Sc.
- Biology
- Chemistry/Biochem
- Exercise Science
- Math & Statistics
- Physics
- Science College

Also the John Molson School of Business, Engineering and Computer Science, and the Faculty of Fine Arts offer 200 level Gen Ed courses

# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- The remaining 18 (24-6) non-PSYC elective credits can be selected as you wish if you are a BA student or BSc Major.
- For BSc Specialization or Honours students, at least 15 of these credits must be science electives.
- For BSc Behaviour Neuroscience option, 21 specific science credits.



Do not choose courses with the notation "BSc students may not take this course for credit". They will not count.

# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- Whatever remains after your program credits and your 24 non-PSYC credits, can be filled with any courses you wish, PSYC (excluding PSYC 200 level) or non-PSYC.

## Specialization (90 credits)

60 PSYC

24 non-PSYC (6 Gen Ed)

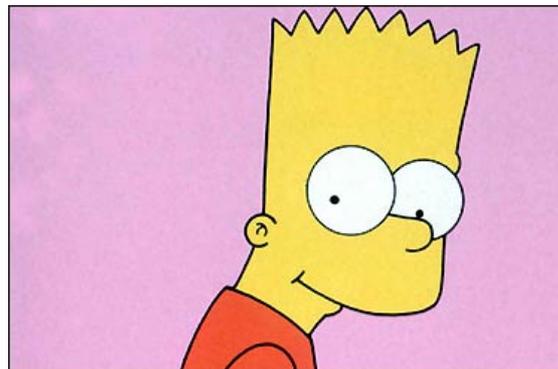
6 "free choice"

## Major (90 credits)

42 PSYC

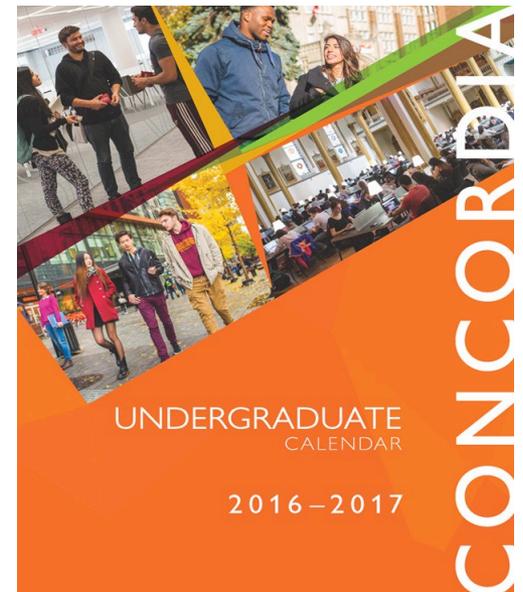
24 non-PSYC (6 Gen Ed)

24 "free choice"



# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- Grades
  - Final grades are in letter format (A, B+, C-, etc.)
  - Become familiar with the percentage-to-letter conversion for your particular course
  - Learn how to calculate your GPA



# ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

## Letter grade to GPA Conversion

A+ = 4.30

A = 4.00

A- = 3.70

B+ = 3.30

B = 3.00

B- = 2.70

C+ = 2.30

C = 2.00

C- = 1.70

D+ = 1.30

D = 1.00

D- = 0.70

CONDITIONAL

FAILED

Minimum 2.00 required to graduate

# REGISTRATION

- Done on-line, using the Undergraduate Calendar and Class Schedule
- Register for both Fall & Winter
- Register as soon as possible – courses fill very quickly
- Important dates & deadlines such as DNE and DISC are in the Registration Guide
- Your program = your responsibility



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7-8am			Mindfulness Meditation	
9:30-10:45am	Yoga with Candice	Kundalini Yoga with Suzann	Yoga with Candice	Yoga with Kimberly
12-1pm	Mid-day Yoga with Amber	Mid-day Yoga with Purna	Mid-day Yoga with Amber	Mid-day Yoga with Candice
2-2:45pm		Yoga for kids with Sapna (ages 4-6yrs)		Yoga for kids with Sapna (ages 7-10yrs)
3-3:45pm		Yoga for kids with Sapna (ages 7 & 8yrs)		

# BEFORE YOU START

- 1 Accept OFFER OF ADMISSION
- 2 Pay \$100 fee to activate your file
- 3 Wait for the unblock symbol to appear on your registration page



# HOW TO REGISTER

Search for Registration Guide on Concordia website

## Search

Search x

Web Image

All results News

About 12,200 results (0.30 seconds)

Sort by: Relevance

News 7%



### [Course Registration Guide](#)

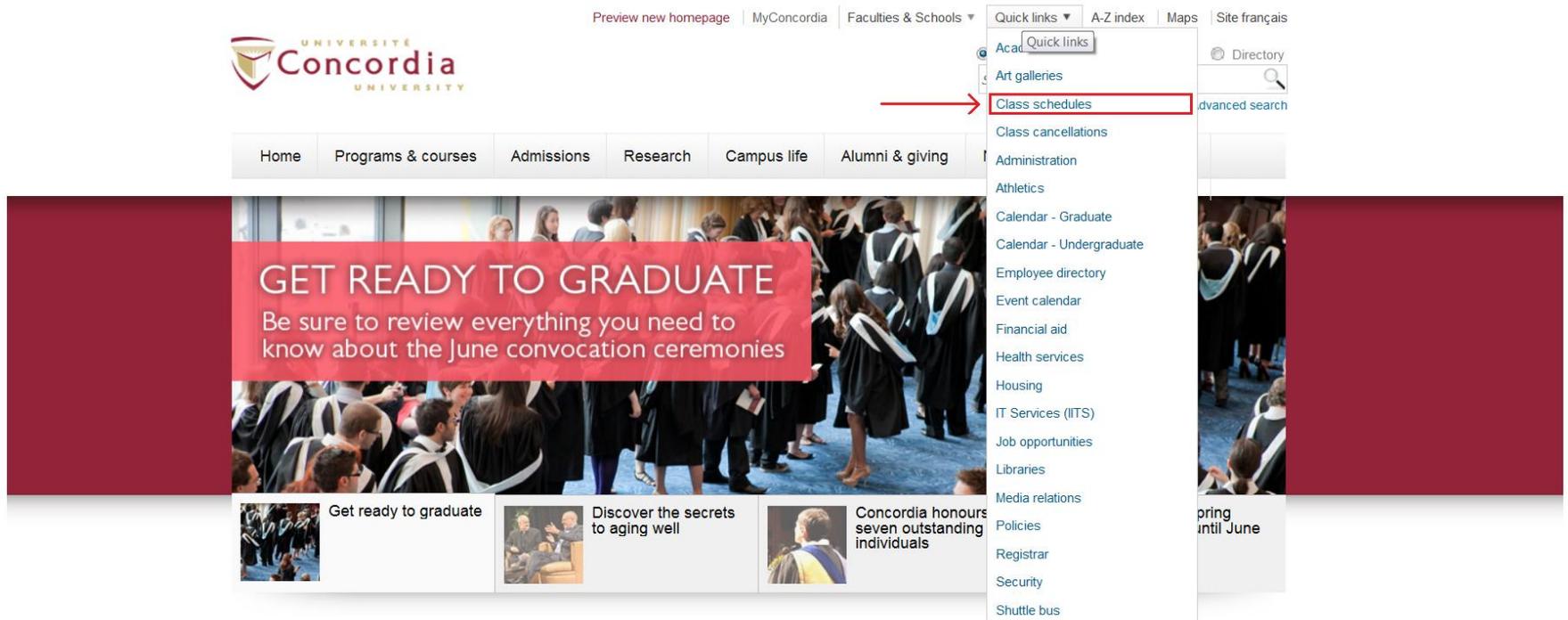
Step-by-step **guide** on how to **register** for courses. ... Concordia.ca; >; Students; >; Course **registration**. Print; Email; Share; Facebook; Twitter; LinkedIn ...

[www.concordia.ca/students/registration.html](http://www.concordia.ca/students/registration.html)



# HOW TO KNOW WHAT COURSES ARE ON & WHEN

## STEP 1: go to Class Schedules



The screenshot displays the Concordia University website interface. At the top left is the Concordia University logo. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, Programs & courses, Admissions, Research, Campus life, and Alumni & giving. A 'Quick links' dropdown menu is open, listing various services such as Academic Quick links, Art galleries, Class schedules (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow), Class cancellations, Administration, Athletics, Calendar - Graduate, Calendar - Undergraduate, Employee directory, Event calendar, Financial aid, Health services, Housing, IT Services (IITS), Job opportunities, Libraries, Media relations, Policies, Registrar, Security, and Shuttle bus. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the text 'GET READY TO GRADUATE' and a sub-headline 'Be sure to review everything you need to know about the June convocation ceremonies'. Below the banner are three smaller promotional tiles: 'Get ready to graduate', 'Discover the secrets to aging well', and 'Concordia honours seven outstanding individuals'.

# STEP 2: enter appropriate search terms

## Search for Classes

### Enter Search Criteria

#### Search for Classes

Term

Select at least 2 search criteria. Click Search to view your search results.

▼ **Class Search**

Course Career

**select subject**

Course Number

Course Level  200  300  400  
(Credit Course Only)  500  600  700  800

Department or Faculty

▼ **Additional Search Criteria**

Class Times  to  (Example: 13:00)

Days of Week  Mon  Tues  Wed  Thurs  Fri  Sat  Sun

Location  Sir George Williams (Downtown)  
 Loyola  
 Online Courses

Instructor Last Name

Course Keyword  ?

Class Nbr  ?

# STEP 3: scroll through course offerings

12/07/2015

▼ PSYC 315 - Statistical Analysis I

View All Sections First 1-3 of 20 Last

Section [01-LEC\(6481\)](#) Status 

Session 13 Wk

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
TuTh 10:15AM - 11:30AM	CC 116 LOY	Rick Gurnsey	09/08/2015 - 12/07/2015

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Section [0101-LAB\(6482\)](#) Status 

Session 13 Wk

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
We 8:45AM - 10:15AM	CC 215 LOY	Staff	09/08/2015 - 12/07/2015

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Section [0102-LAB\(6483\)](#) Status 

Session 13 Wk

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
Fr 12:30PM - 2:00PM	CC 215 LOY	Staff	09/08/2015 - 12/07/2015

# PROBLEMS



- If you run into any problems, call Marie (ext. 2223), our Undergraduate Program Coordinator
- BUT not for non-psychology courses
- Call only once and leave a detailed message (ID, phone number, issue)
- Be be patient, and above all be polite
- Karen (our receptionist (ext. 2222) and Marie will do their best to help you – but they may not be able to give you what you want

# LET'S GET STARTED

