

Strategies for Enrolling in Upper Division Psychology Classes

Enrollment strategies for declared Psychology majors

Phase 1: Prioritize enrolling in upper division classes in phase 1, as there are a large number of seats reserved for Psychology Majors. If a class is full and you can get on a waitlist, we recommend you do so since this will increase your chances of getting into the class. When space permits, you will be enrolled through the automatic waitlist process which happens several times a day. Please be aware if you are on a waitlist, you cannot switch sections to another open section. So make your first choice, your best choice as you will not have the option to move around.

Phase 2: Seats become available on a first-come, first-serve basis for all students during Phase II, depending on space availability and according to particular enrollment restrictions. If you did not enroll in or add to the waitlist for a class during Phase 1, you do have the option enroll or add to the waitlist during Phase 2 unless one of the following criteria restricts you:

- 1) There are no seats available in the Discussion/Lab you are waitlisted for.
- 2) Seats are available but reserved for certain groups. Check your Schedule Planner to see if this is the case.
- 3) You are enrolled in time conflicting courses. Be sure to check not only the Lecture hours but also your discussion/lab time. Time conflicts also applies to your scheduled exams.

Since Psychology classes are very popular, it is likely that many classes and waitlists will fill up during Phase 1 or early in Phase 2. We do not release permission codes to override the wait list.

Once Classes Have Begun: Once classes begin, we switch to manual enrollment and all Psychology classes are locked down for further enrollment. If you are not yet on the waitlist for a class you want, then it's very unlikely that a space will become available and we strongly encourage you to consider a backup course. You may even consider taking a class that does not meet a specific Psychology major requirement such as a [DeCal](#) class, be an RA and earn [199 units](#), or explore [a suggested class](#) from another discipline.

If you are on the waitlist, stay on the waitlist. We cannot make guarantees to students who are waitlisted that a space will become available, but we do establish waitlist capacities based upon historical trends of the likelihood of getting into a class. If you are serious about taking the class, we recommend you persist on the waitlist until the Scheduler can make all enrollment adjustments. If you do this, you should also continue to attend class so that, should you be enrolled, you are prepared to succeed in the class.

Enrollment strategies for students who are not declared in Psychology

Phase 1: Upper division psychology classes are reserved for declared psychology majors in phase 1. We recommend adding yourself to the waitlist as early as possible though, as this will increase your chances of being enrolled during Phase 2.

Phase 2: Seats become available on a first-come, first-serve basis for all students during Phase II, depending on space availability and according to particular enrollment restrictions. Students on the waitlist will be enrolled automatically by the CalCentral system unless one of the following criteria restricts you:

- 1) There are no seats available in the Discussion/Lab you are waitlisted for.
- 2) Seats are available but reserved for certain groups. Check your Schedule Planner to see if this is the case.
- 3) You are enrolled in time conflicting courses. Be sure to check not only the Lecture hours but also your discussion/lab time. Time conflicts also applies to your scheduled exams.

If you did not get on a waitlist during Phase 1, you will be able to enroll in classes or add to the waitlist during Phase 2 as long as none of the above conditions restrict you. Since Psychology classes are very popular, it is likely that many classes and waitlists will fill up during Phase 1 or early in Phase 2. We do not release permission codes to override the wait list.

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