

Keene State College

Department of Psychology

Advising Plan

The psychology department at Keene State College has an advising plan designed to aid students at every level smoothly navigate the major program and baccalaureate process in preparation for a professional career and/or graduate study. There are four main formal components of the program; students are also encouraged to initiate contact with any faculty member they wish based on availability and preference.

Component #1: Group advising in entry-level courses. Faculty members who teach sections of entry-level sections of courses in psychology (Psyc 101 General Psychology, Psyc 221 Social Psychology, Psyc 242 Personality and Psyc 253 Brain and Behavior) are encouraged to use some class time to discuss career opportunities in the field as well as the requirements for declaring and completing the major. Specifics include the course and grade requirements for formal admission to the major, and the Psychology Core course, Integrative Studies and elective distribution requirements.

Component #2: Group advising in the required entry to the Major course. Students enrolled in Psyc 251 Psychological Statistics are informed of the process for formally declaring the major and selecting an advisor when they complete the class successfully.

Component #3: Formal Declaration of Major and selection of Advisor of record. After completing the requirements for declaration of major, students must provide documentation of successful completion of said requirements and have an advisor of record sign their Declaration of Major Form. At this time the advisor of record discusses educational postgraduate study and career plans and discusses options (e.g. including practicum, internship and honors) within the Major, as well as Integrative Studies and elective requirements and options.

Component #4: Course selection period open group advising sessions. During the course selection period the Psychology Department holds open group advising sessions that cover all aspects of the Program, Major, and career options. Faculty give a formal presentation and are then available to field questions and sign Declaration of Major, Course Substitution and other forms.