GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Hang on to your psychology and neuroscience courses!
Be careful when you put courses in your shopping cart. Try to make absolutely sure that these courses are ones you can commit to. Otherwise, if you end up dropping a course to try and sign up for another, because Psychology & Neuroscience courses are in great demand, courses may fill up before you have a chance to enroll in another. For example, if you try to change your recitation for PSYC 210, dropping a recitation will drop you from the course entirely if you cannot find an open recitation/lecture to sign up for immediately thereafter. Thus, we strongly advise against trying to change recitation times.

PS – It is strongly recommended that you take PSYC 210 (Statistics) earlier rather than later (e.g. sophomore). Having said this, if you can’t get a seat in PSYC 210 as a sophomore, it is more than okay to prioritize taking PSYC 210 during your junior year.

If you are having trouble finding a course on ConnectCarolina
Try checking for the course using the course identifier “NSCI.” Recently, some of the courses offered by the Psychology & Neuroscience department have changed their course identifiers from “PSYC” to “NSCI.” While some of the course identifiers have changed, please note that the course content – and the major requirements that it may fulfill – have not changed. For example, “PSYC 225” has now changed to “NSCI 225.” NSCI 225 is the same Sensation and Perception course as it has always been, and therefore, it fulfills the same major requirements as it always has.

If you cannot register despite seeing seats open on ConnectCarolina
Check ConnectCarolina’s notes. Often, there are a certain number of seats reserved for certain types of students (e.g. first-year students, incoming transfer students, etc.). If you cannot register despite that ConnectCarolina suggests that seats have been reserved for students like you (e.g. incoming transfer student), it is likely that the number of seats reserved for students like you (e.g. incoming transfer student) have been taken up and only seats reserved for other types of students are still open.

Put yourself on a psychology and neuroscience course waitlist - don't pass the deadline!
The Registrar’s Office manages waitlist deadlines. You can add yourself to one waitlist until deadline - so don’t pass the deadline! You can find information on the waitlist deadline on the Registrar's website (https://registrar.unc.edu/events/category/university-registrars-calendars/fall-2021/list/) or on the Psychology & Neuroscience website: https://psychology.unc.edu/courses/. Please note: Except during the Registrar’s “open registration” period, registration for 200+ level courses will be restricted to our majors and minors. Going along with this, only officially declared majors and minors on the waitlist will be automatically enrolled in the course, should a seat open up.

If you do not get into the course(s) that you want
Frequently check for an open seat and enroll yourself ASAP, should you find an opening because the only way to get in to a course is to register yourself via ConnectCarolina. You might want to try using an app like Coursicle to alert you to any open seats. Do NOT email professors because they do not have access to registration and our Department has a strict policy that they not get involved with registration. The registration process goes like this: 1) registration begins and 200+ level courses have major restrictions on them such that only officially declared psychology or neuroscience majors and/or minors can register for Psychology & Neuroscience courses, 2) waitlists auto-enroll majors/minors who meet the proper pre-reqs 3) open enrollment occurs where all restrictions are briefly lifted (please see the Registrar’s website or our website to find out how long open enrollment is: https://psychology.unc.edu/courses/), 3) open enrollment closes and waitlists continue to auto-enroll majors/minors who meet the pre-reqs and 4) when a waitlist is exhausted, any student who is a psychology or neuroscience major/minor can enroll in the course, if a seat is
available. The waitlist is not purged until after the last date to late register (again, the Registrar’s Office controls the waitlist process).

When looking for open seats, keep in mind the following:
Larger courses are more likely to have some turnover than smaller courses.
There may be slightly more turnover in some neuroscience courses (designated now as NSCI) than psychology courses.
You can sit in on a class until the last day to late register (August 24th, 2021) but this does not affect your enrollment. The only way to get in to a course is to register yourself via ConnectCarolina.

Consider summer school!
Note that we offer most of our core major courses during summer sessions and enrollment is not at all as challenging as it may be during the academic year (with the exception of online courses). Thus, be on the lookout for our emails about our Majors newsletters which will have summer school information. Majors newsletters can also be found on our website (scroll down to “Undergraduate Newsletters”: https://psychology.unc.edu/newsletters/). The Summer School website will also have information on psychology courses as well as information about financial aid for summer school.

When might the department be able to assist with registration?
If you are a second-semester senior this next semester (that is, you are graduating at the end of this next fall 2021 and/or you are just 1-2 courses short of completing your college degree); psychology or neuroscience is your only major; you need only one or two more major course in order to graduate (whether a "core requirement" or "additional requirement" of the major); you are currently registered for none or just one psychology course; the only available courses (including NSCI courses) conflict with the rest of your course schedule (work and other types of schedules are not considered); and it is either the day before the last day to late register or it is the actual last day to late register – if every single one of these descriptors apply to you – then please contact either Dr. Loeb (Director of Undergraduate Studies) or the Students Services Manager. Although we cannot guarantee a seat, we will look into what, if any, options there are.

If you are a student who has had a study abroad course approved as a UNC-equivalent psychology course, and yet, are having trouble registering because ConnectCarolina is saying that you do NOT have the proper pre-requisite, please contact either Dr. Loeb (Director of Undergraduate Studies) or the Students Services Manager immediately. Again, we cannot guarantee a seat, but we will look further into your situation.

If you are an incoming transfer student this next semester and you are having problems in registering because your pre-requisites have not all been approved (and yet you know they should be given credit, e.g. you have already taken General Psychology), please contact either Dr. Loeb (Director of Undergraduate Studies) or the Students Services Manager immediately. Again, we cannot guarantee a seat, but we will look further into your situation.

If you are an incoming transfer student this next semester OR if you are a foreign exchange student who is visiting UNC for just this next semester AND it is either the day before the last day to late register or it is the actual last day to late register, please contact either Dr. Loeb (Director of Undergraduate Studies) or the Students Services Manager. Again, we cannot guarantee a seat, but we will look further into your situation.
Whom can I contact to get more information about the Psychology BA or BS?

Please contact Dr. Desiree Griffin or Dr. Jeannie Loeb. Their contact information may be found on our department’s Academic Advising page: https://psychology.unc.edu/academic-advising/

Whom can I contact to get more information about the Neuroscience BS?
Please contact Dr. Rachel Penton or Dr. Kelly Giovanello. Their contact information may be found on our department’s Academic Advising page: https://psychology.unc.edu/academic-advising/

Don’t forget to explore our Psychology & Neuroscience website (https://psychology.unc.edu/). We have a LOT of information which will be helpful for those majoring in psychology and/or neuroscience (including information about getting involved with research, our competitive internship program, clubs and volunteering as well as study abroad).