

What is Psi Chi? Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 with two primary purposes:

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- To encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and
- To advance the science of psychology.

Membership in the **Loyola University Chicago chapter of Psi Chi** is open to undergraduate students who are majoring or minoring in psychology, and who meet the minimum qualifications. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Psychological Science (APS). Psi Chi's sister honor society is Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges. Students become members by joining the chapter at the school where they are enrolled. Psi Chi chapters are operated by student officers and faculty advisors. Together they select and induct the members and carry out the goals of the Society. Over 1,100 Psi Chi chapters are located around the globe. All chapters register their inductees at the Central Office. The total number of memberships registered at the Central Office is now over 600,000 lifetime members. To learn more visit the Psi Chi website at http://www.luc.edu/psychology/orgs_psichi.shtml.

Lifetime Membership. Membership is Psi Chi is for life, requiring only an initial \$60, which includes national dues of \$55, plus a \$5 credit card processing fee. There are no annual dues. New members will be sent a web link from the national Psi Chi organization, to use to pay their \$60 lifetime membership fee. Upon payment, each student will automatically be emailed a discount code for 50% (\$5) off the cost of ordering a personal membership certificate, to be shipped to their home address.

Benefits of Membership. Psi Chi provides national academic recognition for academic excellence in psychology, an honor that can be noted on employment applications, vitae, and resumes. Also, as part of lifetime membership, members receive membership certificates and honor cords which can be worn at graduation. Please visit http://www.psichi.org/?page=member_benefits to learn more about the benefits of membership.

Awards and Grants. Over \$400,000 is available annually in awards and grants for student members, faculty advisors, and chapters. Information about undergraduate funding opportunities can be found at http://www.psichi.org/?page=1_undergrad_main

Membership requirements:

- A major or minor in psychology
- <u>Completion</u> of at least 3 semesters of coursework (Spring 2024 semester doesn't count.)
- <u>Completion</u> of at least 9 credit hours (3 courses) of psychology courses (at least 6 semester credit hours at Loyola, and not including courses in progress.)
- Overall grade point average across all courses of 3.6.
- Grade point average of at least 3.3 in psychology courses (average GPA in all Psychology courses that count toward the major, taken at Loyola, or elsewhere)
- Fall 2023 grades must be included for consideration of overall GPA and PSYC GPA.

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, February 23rd, 2024 and applications will be reviewed by March 10th

Applications will be reviewed <u>after the deadline has passed</u>, and students will be informed of their status via email. The induction ceremony for new members will be held at the end of the Spring semester during the "Celebration of Students: Achievement, Scholarship, and Creative Works" (formerly known as the Weekend of Excellence.)



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2022-2023

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in joining Psi Chi!

The deadline for completed applications for Psi Chi is **February 23rd, 2024**. By this deadline, students must complete the following steps to be considered for membership in Psi Chi. Please review all steps before beginning to avoid errors or misunderstandings.

STEP 1–Online portion

Complete the Psi Chi Membership Application. Fill out and submit the online portion of the application: <u>https://memberapp.psichi.org/applicationformmember.aspx</u>

STEP 2-Student Transcript and Recommendation form

□A copy of the student **transcript** (LOCUS printout OK). Compute your PSYC GPA (the average of all PSYC### courses for which you have received credit toward the psychology major at Loyola, including courses taken at other institutions) and **write the Psychology GPA at the top of the transcript**. Transfer students need to submit unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended with all psychology courses they have received credit for toward the major highlighted. **Transcripts MUST INCLUDE Fall 2023 grades. Email transcript to Dr.Steve Davis at <u>sdavis3@luc.edu</u>**

□A completed **"Recommendation Form"** filled out by a **Psychology faculty member** who knows you (must be a psychology faculty member, not a graduate student or faculty from another department). Fill in your name and the faculty member's name at the top of the form, and give the form to the faculty member; the faculty member will return the completed form directly to Dr. Davis at <u>sdavis3@luc.edu</u>

The induction ceremony for new members will be held in the late Spring during the "Celebration of Students: Achievement, Scholarship, and Creative Works" (formerly known as the Weekend of Excellence). If you have any questions, please contact one of us. We look forward to receiving your application.

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PSI CHI Recommendation Form

* Students, fill in your name and the name of the **Psychology faculty member** (cannot be a graduate student) who has been asked to complete the recommendation. The faculty member will return the completed form directly to Dr. Davis.

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Date:_____

Faculty Member (print name)_____

Student (print name)_____

Dear Faculty Member,

The student listed above has applied for membership in PSI CHI, the International Honor Society in Psychology and has named you as a reference. We would appreciate your cooperation by answering the following questions about the student. A separate recommendation letter is not required. When you are done, please return the form to Psi Chi's faculty advisor, Dr. Steve Davis (Psychology Department, Coffey Hall). If you have any questions, you can reach Dr. Davis at sdavis3@luc.edu. A separate letter is not required.

Please submit your recommendation by Friday February 23rd, 2024.

1. Do you think this student is appropriate for PSI CHI?

2. What are this student's strengths?