



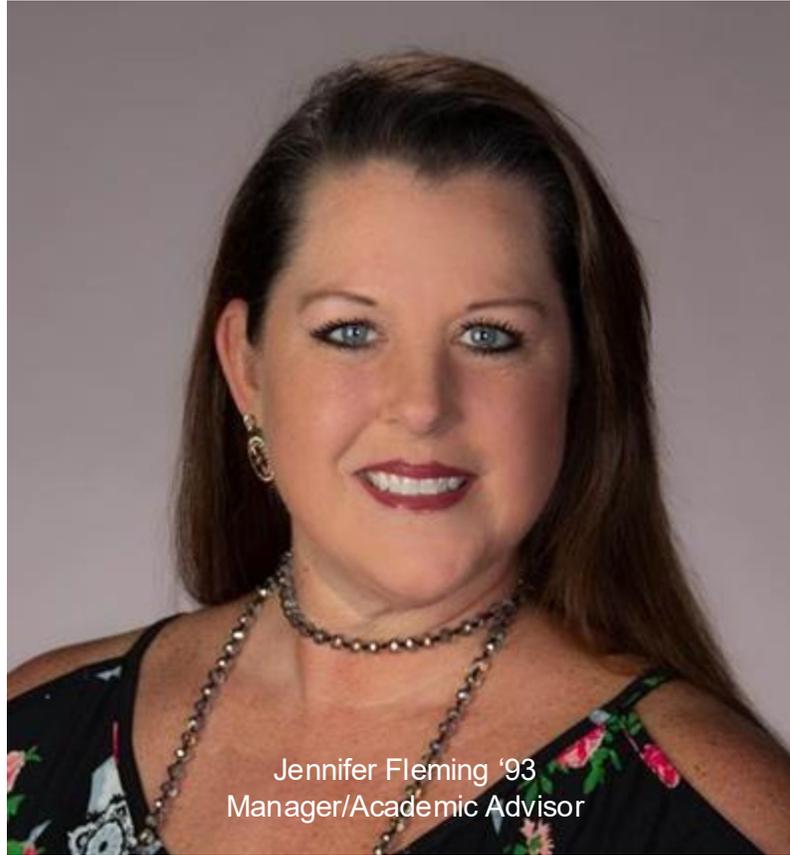
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PBSI Advising Team

Welcome To Texas A&M University



This is where you master your destiny.

This is where you own your actions—
and your reactions.

This is where old habits break and new
skills rise.

This is where comfort zones end and
real growth begins.

This is the start of something bigger.

This is your next chapter.

What to Expect from my Advisor

Monitor my academic progress, help me solve academic problems, and offer suggestions/recommendations.

Direct me to resources on campus (ex. OPISA, Career Center, Disability Resources, etc...).

To review my chosen classes during each registration period, understanding advisors will not choose my courses because this is my degree.

Encourage me to take responsibility for my academic choices and help me develop decision-making skills.

What my Advisor Expects from Me

Read my emails for important information distributed by advisors and respond accordingly from my tamu.edu email with my UIN.

To take initiative and be responsible for my academic career. Advisors provide guidance, but ultimate responsibility for my academic choices rest on me.

Know the academic calendar and important dates and deadlines every semester. Understand that rules and deadlines must be adhered to.

Know how to generate and read my degree evaluation and monitor my progress every semester.

You Are a BA/BS PSYCHOLOGY Major or NRSC-BCN Major

As you start your Fall 2025 semester, please understand you entered TAMU as a Psychology or NRSC-BCN Major.

If you plan on changing your major, we cannot advise you. You must speak with an advisor from your interested major (BIMS, BIOL, KINE etc).

As PBSI advisors, we can ONLY advise on a BS Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience and BS/BA Psychology degrees.

Until you change majors, you ARE a NRSC-BCN or PSYC student and must register accordingly.

Career Services

ARTS & SCIENCES CAREER SERVICES

Come in early & often

- ✓ Schedule an appointment with your career advisor
- ✓ Explore career options
- ✓ Create your resume
- ✓ Identify high impact experiences
- ✓ Search opportunities in HireAggies
- ✓ Prepare for Arts & Sciences Career Fair

Sept 16 & 17 - all majors both days

careercenter.tamu.edu

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**Aggie Career
Success
Handbook**
QR code



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Career Center

Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA)

Assists students in their pursuit of a professional education. They provide a variety of resources that include information on professional school selections, the application process, essay reviews, volunteer opportunities, workshops, and much more.

<https://careercenter.tamu.edu/Resources/Professional-School-Advising> - 979-845-5139 — 209 Koldus Bldg

- **Dheepthi Perumal:** Physician Assistant, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy
- **Rachel Ciomperlik:** Medical School
- **Dr. Anne Blum:** Veterinary Medicine, Physical Therapy
- **AJ Smith:** Pre-Nursing
- **Shawn Archer:** Pre-law
- **Karen Severn:** Dentistry

FERPA LAWS

Please understand that your student is considered an **ADULT** by Texas A&M University.

Advisors can only share information with parents/guardians with verbal/written permission from the student. *

We will do our best to communicate effectively with parents but will abide by FERPA laws at ALL times!

***Certificate of Dependency form** - must be signed and on file to give your parent/guardian access to your educational record. This is **NOT** the same as "Parent access via Howdy portal".

RESIDENCY

You **MUST** complete 36 hours of upper-level coursework (300/400 level) at Texas A&M to graduate!

Hullabaloo U – PBSI 105

- Texas A&M's first-year experience course for ***Freshmen (PBSI 105, sections 502-517)***
- Some students who are recipients of a specific scholarship, in a learning community, or the Corps of Cadets will have a specific Hullabaloo U "*cohort*" assigned to them by that community (ex. LBAR, SOMS, etc....). This should have been provided to you. You will still need PBSI 105 as well.
- Mandatory for incoming **FRESHMEN (PSYC and NRSC-BCN)** Fall 2025 semester

YOUR RESOURCES

***Course Catalog 148** - <https://catalog.tamu.edu/>

Use your catalog to see course descriptions of classes.

***Important Webpages** -

University core:

<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/>

University ICD (International and Cultural Diversity)

<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>

University CD (Cultural Discourse)

<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>

***AP/IB Credit Chart-** <https://testing.tamu.edu/credits>

***Degree Evaluation** - HOWDY portal

Directions on how to access your Degree Evaluation are in your folder. Use your evaluation every time you add/drop/qdrop/transfer in courses.

You have access 24/7 to your evaluation.

***Minors** - University approved minors - <https://registrar.tamu.edu/curricular-services/programs/program-inventory/minors>

EXAMS

- **Math Placement Exam (MPE)**

NRSC-BCN - MPE 1 (score matters/22)

PSYC BA/BS - MPE 2 (score does **not** matter)

*MPE guidelines can be found at <https://sites.google.com/tamu.edu/tamu-mpe/home>

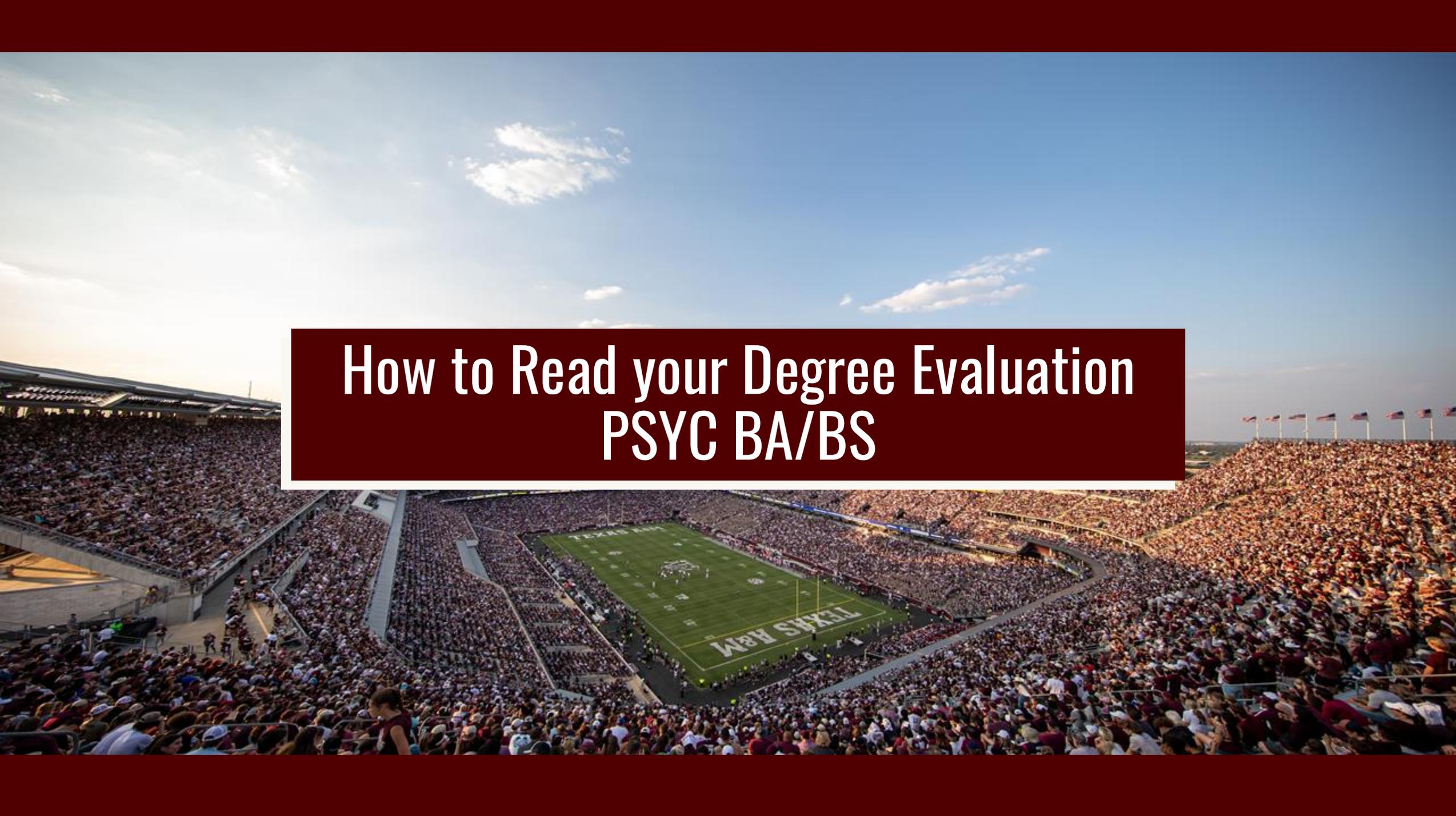
*The **MPE 1** CAN BE retaken. You must allow at least 2 weeks in between retakes and can only retake 2 times. Use site listed above for more information.

- **BA-PSYC – Foreign Language Placement Exam**

*If you have any questions regarding Spanish language courses, please contact gla@cadvising.tamu.edu .

*Questions regarding the Spanish placement exam can be sent to hispexams@tamu.edu .

*All other languages at the university can be directed to Alicia McGirr amcgirr@tamu.edu .

An aerial photograph of a large stadium, likely the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas, filled with a massive crowd of spectators. The football field is visible in the center, with "TEXAS A&M" written on the end zone. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A dark red banner with white text is overlaid on the center of the image.

How to Read your Degree Evaluation PSYC BA/BS

Sample

BA/BS PSYC FRESHMAN

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO PAIR YOUR COURSES:

We recommend 12-15 hrs

12 hrs is full-time

PBSI 105 - 3 hrs – **MANDATORY**
(sections 502-517 ONLY)

PBSI 107 - 3 hrs - **MANDATORY** (if not coming in with it)

PBSI 245 - 3 hrs - **MANDATORY**

Creative Arts or Social Science or Language, Philosophy & Culture - 3 hrs

Life and Physical Sciences - 3hrs

US History or POLS - 3 hrs

PBSI Courses

FRESHMAN PSYC STUDENTS ONLY

Advisor will register you

PBSI 107-508 MWF 150-240pm Introduction to Psychology ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING IT IN	CRN: 61078
PBSI 107-510 TR 1245-2pm Introduction to Psychology ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING IT IN	CRN: 61080
PBSI 245-500 TR 935-1050am Intro to Psychological Science Methods	CRN: 49617
PBSI 245-501 TR 220-335pm Intro to Psychological Science Methods	CRN: 49619

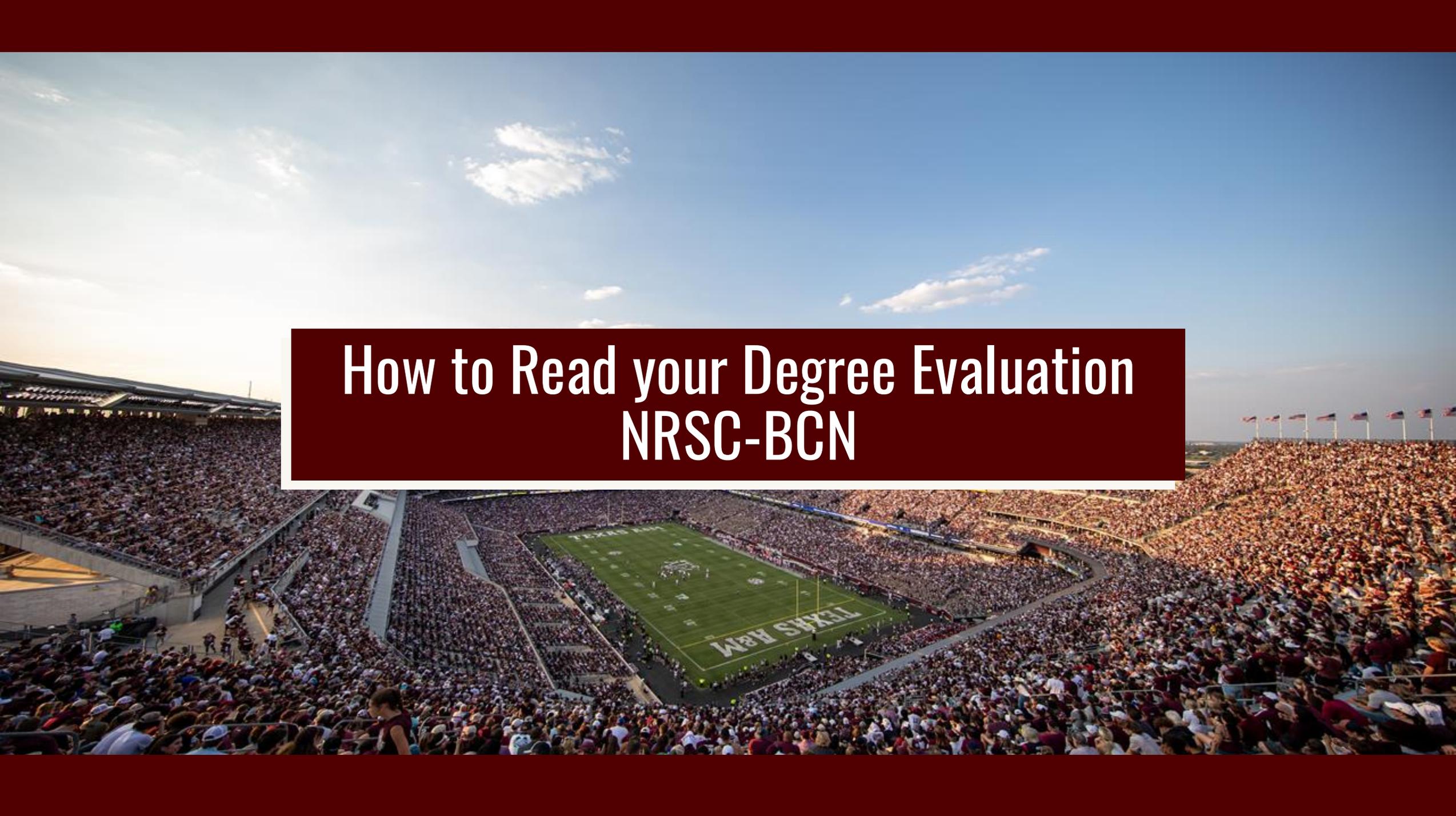
If you are not bringing in PBSI 107, you can register for PBSI 107 and PBSI 245. If you already have credit for PBSI 107, then you will need to register for PBSI 245.

***if other sections of PBSI 107 are available in Howdy (with seats open), you may register for them as well.**

See "Information Slide" for registration details.

“Information Slide” for PBSI Courses BA/BS PSYC students

- Instructions on how to register for PBSI course from previous slide
- **Only PBSI courses listed on previous slides can be requested in this format.**
- **You will register for PBSI 105 (section 502-517) on your own.**
- **You must email jennifer-fleming@tamu.edu by 130pm.**
- **You MUST INCLUDE your Name, UIN, and a 1st/2nd option *with* course name and section (ex. PBSI 245-500).**
- **You will receive a return email stating which option you received.**
- **If you have a HOLD, you are NOT able to register for ANY classes until that HOLD is removed.**
- **Failure to follow these instructions will result in a denied request.**



How to Read your Degree Evaluation NRSC-BCN

Sample

NRSC-BCN FRESHMAN

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO PAIR YOUR COURSES:

We recommend 12-15 hrs

12 hrs is full-time

PBSI 105 - 1 hr – **MANDATORY**
(sections 502-517 ONLY)

MANDATORY

PBSI 107 - 3 hrs **OR** PBSI 235 - 3 hrs
(Intro to Psychology) (only if PBSI 107 has been completed)

CHEM - 4 hrs

(if on a professional track, do NOT accept AP/IB credit until you speak with OPSA)

BIOL - 4 hrs

(if on a professional track, do NOT accept AP/IB credit until you speak with OPSA)

APPROVED MATH COURSE - 4 hrs
(need **MPE1** completed)

Language, Philosophy, Culture or Creative Arts - 3 hrs

PBSI Courses

FRESHMAN NRSC-BCN STUDENTS ONLY

Advisor will register you

PBSI 107-508 MWF 150-240pm Introduction to Psychology ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING IT IN	CRN: 61078
PBSI 107-510 TR 1245-2pm Introduction to Psychology ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING IT IN	CRN: 61080
PBSI 235-500 TR 355-510pm Intro to Beh & Cog Neuroscience	CRN: 49915
PBSI 235-503 TR 1110-1225pm Intro to Beh & Cog Neuroscience	CRN: 49923

If you already have credit for PBSI 107, then you will need to register for PBSI 235.

See “Information Slide” for registration details.

“Information Slide” for PBSI Courses NRSC-BCN students

- Instructions on how to register for PBSI course from previous slide

- **Only PBSI courses listed on previous slides can be requested in this format.**
- **You will register for PBSI 105 (sections 502 or 517) on your own.**
- **You must email jennifer-fleming@tamu.edu by 130pm.**
- **You MUST INCLUDE your Name, UIN, and a 1st/2nd option *with* course name and section (ex. PBSI 235-500).**
- **You will receive a return email stating which option you received.**
- **If you have a HOLD, you are NOT able to register for ANY classes until that HOLD is removed.**
- **Failure to follow these instructions will result in a denied request.**

COURSE and SECTION

Do's and Don't's

ex: PBSI 301 501

Subj Course Section

300-499 COURSE numbers are Residency

- (you can take these if you meet pre-reqs & restrictions)

200-299 SECTION numbers are HONORS

- (you must be in a HONORS program NOW)

598, 599 and 700 SECTIONS are ONLINE

- (CHECK FEES)

You CANNOT register for:

- *600-699 **COURSE** numbers (graduate students)
- *Any **SECTION** beginning with M (McAllen courses)

Reminders

1. Have your degree evaluation handy when planning your Fall 2025 schedule (provided at dept meeting).
2. You will NOT be able to register if any Holds are still on your account.
3. Make sure you sign your Action Items: LAB SAFETY AGREEMENT, TERMS OF USE, AND LOCATION UPDATE (use zip code 77843). These Action Items will be done every semester.
4. When searching courses, make sure to view the prerequisite and restriction tabs in Schedule Builder.
5. Be mindful of online courses “section fees”.
6. It is IMPERATIVE that you read ALL emails from PBSI Advisors.
7. You must include your UIN and Full Name in your email or you won't get a response.

Important Information

All questions can be submitted
to psycadvising@tamu.edu.

You MUST include your full name AND UIN.

Use psychology.tamu.edu website

How the Advising office operates

Make sure to review the Academic Calendar
<https://registrar.tamu.edu/academic-calendar>

Using aggiemap.tamu.edu

Know how to access your degree evaluation

“HOW TO”

**Information
sheet inside
your folder**

- **How to access your *Schedule Builder* for Registration**
- **How to view your *Action Items* for Holds**
- **How to view your *Degree Evaluation***
- **PBSI resource folder**

POCKET PANTRY



The PBSI Advising office has partnered with Student Assistance Services and now have a Pocket Pantry location in our building, Milner Hall, Rm 214.

The Pocket Pantry is there to provide temporary relief to Texas A&M students in need who are experiencing food insecurity. For a list of all pantries and their locations, please visit

<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/sas/food-resources/>

REGISTRATION MILNER HALL RM 202

Students

Registration will take place in Milner Hall. Registration starts at 2:00pm sharp! You must be in Rm 202 NO LATER THAN 1:00pm with a schedule and your charged laptop!

Due to limited space, only students will be allowed in the room at 1:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend the Parent's meeting put on by the College.

Parents

Parent's meeting with the College is at 1:30pm in 101 Halbouty. You can use aggiemap.tamu.edu for directions.

Howdy Week 2025

HOWDY ARTSCI

HOWDY WEEK 2025

Follow us on social!

@tamuartsci



Friday, August 22, 2025
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Instructional Laboratory and
Innovative Learning Building
(ILSQ)

Join the College of
Arts and Sciences for our
2025 Howdy Week event!

Department Booths!
Demonstrations!
Food Trucks!
and MORE!

Watch for our email
with more information!



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& Sciences

Are you a First-Generation student?

The ArtSci Undergraduate Student Success (UGSS) team is here for **you!**

Join us for our come and go Open House event during your lunch hour today in **ACAD 107!**

Program Offerings | Cookies | F2F Goodies

What is “First-Generation”?

- Classified as neither parent having earned a bachelor’s degree
- Parent(s) may have completed a degree non-traditionally later in life or obtained a degree internationally

Why F2F?

- Community, support, leadership opportunities, workshops, resources to succeed, networking, service events, and so much more!



**FIRST
TO FINISH**

Lunch Locations

WHERE AM I DINING DURING NSC?

Scan the QR CODE for the full dining guide
or visit tx.ag/NSCDining



Dining Locations Near Us:
Chick Fil A
(in the Underground)



New Student Conference Advising Survey

**We ask that both
family/parents
and students
respond.**

Thanks & Gig 'em!

