



# Spring 2026 Edition

# Department of Psychology Newsletter



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## Message from the Chair

Hello everyone,

Greetings and welcome to our Spring newsletter! It has been an engaging and productive semester for our Psychology community, with students, faculty, and staff contributing to meaningful research, learning, and achievement. In this issue, we highlight some of the exciting work and milestones across the department.

As the semester progresses, we also recognize the importance of balance and well-being during this busy time. I encourage you to take moments to recharge and stay connected with the resources and people who support you.

To our graduating students, congratulations on all you have accomplished. We are proud of your achievements and excited to see what lies ahead for you. To those returning, I look forward to continuing our work and growth together.

Wishing you a refreshing summer ahead.

Warm regards

Kimmy Kee-Rose, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair, Psychology Department



# What's New in the Psychology Department?

## Admissions Review Conducted for New MA in Psychology Program

The Department of Psychology has completed its review of applicants for the new Master of Arts in Psychology program and is excited to welcome its inaugural cohort in Fall 2026. Designed as an innovative and rigorous advanced degree, the MA in Psychology program prepares students for doctoral study as well as research-focused careers in the field. This milestone marks an important step forward in expanding graduate education opportunities at CI.

## New Course Offering: PSY 496 Psychology Colloquium

This course will provide a forum for the presentation of current psychological research by faculty, visiting scholars and students. The Psychology colloquium series may encompass a particular theme or may be based on availability of colleagues/students who will present that semester.

## Psychology Honors

Congratulations to Adriana (Monique) Calatayud and Robert McEachron who have been nominated by Psychology faculty as this year's recipients for Psychology Program Honors!

## Graduate School Admissions

Congratulations to CI students who will be attending graduate school in the fall! This year, CI students received offers from a variety of competitive master's and doctoral programs regionally and nationally. We look forward to seeing which programs students will decide to join!

## Student & Faculty Accomplishments

Psychology students and faculty are showcasing their accomplishments via conferences and publications. Many Psychology students and faculty will be presenting at the WPA convention in Tacoma, WA (see page 6), and Drs. Ibrahim and Volkan recently published the following:

- Ibrahim, A.F.A.\*, Vaughn, A.E.\*, & Gillespie, B. (In Press). Minoritized STEM Students' Sense of Belonging in Higher Education. In K. Hales, C. Borkoski, & J. Spears (Eds.), *Cultivating a sense of belonging in higher education*. Utah State University. \*co-first authors.
- Volkan, K. (2026). Haunted by Innovation: Technology, Psychoanalysis, and Growing Up in Palo Alto, *Critica*, 6(2), 70-72.

# Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

## Spring 2026: Important Dates & Deadlines

May 15, 2026: Last day of classes before exams

May 18 - May 22, 2026: Final exam week

May 23, 2026: Commencement



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## CSUCI Student Research Conference

Several Psychology students will also be presenting their research on campus as part of the CSUCI Student Research Conference on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. Students are encouraged to attend this event!

- Abstracts due Monday, April 6th.
- Acceptance notifications week of April 13th.
- Priority registration April 14th - April 22nd.

## Fall 2026: Important Dates & Deadlines

April 21, 2026: Priority Registration Begins

April 23, 2026: Registration for Graduating Seniors

August 22, 2026: Fall Classes Begin



# Summer 2026 Class Options

Want to get ahead? Consider enrolling in a summer class to make progress toward your graduation requirements. Summer classes in the psychology department are online, in either synchronous or asynchronous formats. Classes are offered in an accelerated format during the first half of summer (session A), the second half of summer (session B), or across the entire summer (session C). Check with financial aid to see if you qualify for using financial aid for summer classes. Online registration begins March 25<sup>th</sup>. Course offerings are subject to change. You may search [the full schedule here](#).

## Session A (June 1 - July 7):

- PSY 300 - Psych Research & Stats Methods I
- PSY 301 - Psych Research & Stats Methods II
- PSY 315 - Child Psychopathology
- PSY 445 - Adolescent Development

## Session B (July 13 - August 14):

- PSY 314 - Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSY 318 - Learning, Cognition, & Perception
- PSY 340 - History & Psych of Nazi Germany
- PSY 370 - Fundamentals of Counseling Theory

## Session C (June 1 - August 12):

- PSY 411 - Navigating Careers in Psychology



# Fall 2026 Electives

The following are Fall 2026 elective offerings. Classes will continue to be offered in various modalities, including in-person, or online. Consider taking elective courses that will allow you to explore your interests, hone your skills, clarify your career goals, or take whichever you think you will enjoy! You may search [the full schedule here](#). Note: all courses are subject to change.

- PSY 220 - Human Sexual Behavior
- PSY 315 - Child Psychopathology
- PSY 327 - Parenting
- PSY 329 - Animal Behavior
- PSY 344 - Psych And Trad Asian Thought
- PSY 333 - Measurement & Testing
- PSY 346 - Human Motivation
- PSY 370 - Fundamentals of Counseling Theory
- PSY 436 - Psych & History of East Asian Warrior Cultures
- PSY 445 - Adolescent Development
- PSY 457 - Criminal Behavior
- PSY 460 - Addiction Studies
- PSY 461 - Special Topics in Development
- PSY 483 - Applied Multivariate Analyses
- PSY 492 - Internship or Service Learning
- PSY 494 - Independent Research in Psychology
- **PSY 496 - Psychology Colloquium - NEW CLASS!**



# CI at the WPA Convention



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ASSOCIATION**

Psychology students and faculty are representing CI at the annual convention for the Western Psychological Association (WPA) in Tacoma, WA. Check out the presentations below!

- Duran, D., Isabela, R., Beers, S., McEachron, R., Rogers, J., Albawab, O., Sugito, V., & Mee, M. Relationships among self-investment in locus of responsibility and math attitude.
- Mee, M., Calatayud, A. M., Bender, M., Sanabria, A., & Teranishi Martinez, C. From treatment to persistence: The role of college counseling centers in student success.
- Rogers, J., Beers, S., Duran, D., McEachron, R., Albawab, O., Sugito, V., Isabela, R., & Mee, M. Relationships among six worldview dimensions and self-investment.
- Wikel, D., & Thayer, B. Correlates of academic self-efficacy.
- Perez, S., McCabe, K., Zerr, A., & Yeh, M. Acculturation and caregiver questions and commands of Mexican American families with children exhibiting disruptive behaviors.
- McEachron, R., Hart, A., Fabian, M., Acebo, K., Vaca, J., & Teranishi Martinez, C. Riding the digital wave: Navigational and physiological responses during a virtual tsunami.
- Acebo, K., McEachron, R., Fabian, M., Vaca, J., Hart, A., & Teranishi Martinez, C. . Empathy in a warming world: Respiratory regulation and life-saving decisions in a VR natural disaster simulation.
- Acosta-Garcia, A., DuBoux, C., Gallup, S., January, A. Jimenez, J. (2026). The influence of gratitude practices on rumination, affect, and HRV.





# **Psychology Poster Session: Spring 2026**

The Psychology Program is proud to announce the Spring 2026 Psychology Poster Session! This event highlights students' empirical studies conducted as culminating assignments in the PSY 301 course.

Food and beverages will be provided.

**Friday, May 15,  
12-1:30pm  
Grand Salon**

\$6.00 for campus parking

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# Psychology Club & Psi Chi

By Angela Sanabria (Psychology Club President)  
and Monique Calatayud (Psi Chi President)



Psychology Club and Psi Chi have had the honor to co-host club meetings throughout this academic year! Officers from both organizations have collaborated to foster an inclusive environment for students and to help streamline pathways to Psi Chi membership.

So far, we have organized a variety of psychology themed events such as pictionary competitions, a Halloween movie night, a debate on whether overthinking is beneficial or detrimental, and a Rorschach ink-blot painting activity! We've also supported students with the graduate application process by hosting workshops, and welcomed guest speakers such as Dr. Volkan, a CSUCI Psychology professor, and Dr. Gabriels, the former director of the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

Looking ahead, we are excited to host additional events such as de-stress activities, a murder mystery, and an end of the year potluck! Our meetings are in-person and held weekly each Wednesday evening. Psychology major or not, everyone is welcome to join! We're grateful to everyone who has attended our meetings and contributed to creating a fun and welcoming community.

Psi Chi will be hosting an induction ceremony to formally welcome 30 new incoming members into the CSUCI chapter! To support the induction ceremony and future events, we will be selling artwork, hosting fundraisers, and accepting donations. We appreciate any support from our community.



To stay updated on our upcoming meetings, feel free to follow us on Instagram @ci.psychclub and @psichi\_csuci. You can also sign up by going to CI Sync or by sending an email to [angela.sanabria@myci.csuci.edu](mailto:angela.sanabria@myci.csuci.edu) (Psych Club President) or [adriana.calatayud487@mcyi.csuci.edu](mailto:adriana.calatayud487@mcyi.csuci.edu) (Psi Chi President). On behalf of all officers, we wish everyone a great rest of the semester and we look forward to continuing our joint meetings!