

Belmont University **Psychology Department**

PsychSource #8

Student and Professional Organizations of Interest to Psychology Majors and Minors

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the national honor society in psychology. Psi Chi is affiliated with the American Psychological Association and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Its purpose is to encourage stimulate and maintain scholarship in psychology and to promote scientific advancement in the field. The Belmont chapter of Psi Chi is active in sponsoring speakers and programs of interest to psychology majors minors and the general Belmont community. Psi Chi also organizes trips to regional professional meetings in psychology. Membership is available to students who have completed at least 15 quarter hours of psychology (or have completed 10 quarter hours and are currently enrolled in 5 additional hours of psychology), have declared a psychology major or minor, and be ranked in the top 35% of all students in your class regardless of major (including all courses taken at other colleges) with no less that a 3.0 grade point average in the psychology courses. For additional information about the Belmont chapter of Psi Chi, contact the the Psi Chi faculty advisor, Dr. Linda Jones.

Psychology Club

The Belmont Psychology Club sponsors a variety of activities designed to enhance the learning process, become involved with the local community, and provide a resource network to those interested in the discipline of psychology Many of these activities are held in cooperation with the Belmont chapter of Psi Chi. Membership in the Psychology Club is open to all students with an interest in psychology. For additional information Belmont Psychology Club, contact the Psychology Club faculty advisor, Dr. Linda Jones.

Professional Organizations

Many of the professional organizations in psychology offer the opportunity for undergraduates to become student affiliates or student members. Student membership in these organizations is offered at a reduced fee and often allows students to take advantage of membership benefits at reduced rates (e.g., journal subscriptions conference registration fees). In addition, many of these organizations offer special programs for students at their annual meetings. Some organizations offering student affiliate membership include: the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the Tennessee Psychological Association, the Southeastern Psychological Association, the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, the Middle

Tennessee Association. Membership information for several professional organizations is available in the Psychology Department Building or may be obtained from your faculty advisor.

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