Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests, and who meet the minimum qualifications.

From www.psichi.org

Membership requirements for UMKC Psi Chi:

- Major or Minor in Psychology
- Second-semester sophomore or higher
- 9 credits of psychology courses, 6 @ UMKC.
  - Coursework at other institutions is not calculated into your UMKC GPA.
  - If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact Dr. Bennett (Bennettkk@umkc.edu)
- If you do not meet the requirements for Psi Chi membership, please join UMKC Psych Club and begin participating in meetings and events.

To apply please return to the Psi Chi or Dr. Bennett’s Mailbox:

- UMKC Psi Chi Application Form
- Unofficial copy of your transcript from A & S advising [minors or majors] (or print a DARS [majors only])
- Cash or Check = $60.00 (make checks payable to “UMKC Psi Chi”)
  - $45 = National dues, $15 = UMKC Psi Chi Dues
  - Your check will only be cashed after you have been accepted, if you are not accepted the check will be destroyed or the cash will be returned.

Return Application Materials to:
UMKC Psi Chi or Dr. Bennett’s Mailbox
5030 Cherry St.; Third Floor
Kansas City, MO 64110

You will be informed by e-mail if your application has been approved.
The Induction Ceremony will be held in March, 2012. You will be sent a formal invitation.
Applications must be received by October 7th, 2011 for fall membership, and by February 17th, 2012 for spring membership.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kymberly Bennett
President: Melanie Somogie
Vice President: Vyshnavi Reddy
Secretary: Holland Davis
Treasurer: Komal Dasani
Historian: Tiffany Clouse
Membership Officer: Melissa Childress
Elections Officer: Joshua Munyan

For information about upcoming events and meetings please find us online:
Website: http://cas.umkc.edu/psyc/psichi
Email: umkcpysichi@umkc.edu
Facebook: www.facebook.com/UMKCPsiChi
WHY JOIN PSI CHI??

Benefits of Becoming a Member of Psi Chi

The intrinsic value of membership is rewarding to the achiever in that recognition of excellence leads to self-fulfillment and thus to self-realization. By recognizing that what you do does make a difference, you are stimulated to higher productivity. Accomplishments are enjoyed more when shared with others. Furthermore, the contacts made through Psi Chi will be valuable throughout your educational and professional careers.

Concrete benefits of membership include:

- The documents: a membership certificate and card which give tangible evidence of membership
- The experience gained by working with Psi Chi is excellent for building up a résumé; it is difficult to attain that first managerial and creative experience
- Psi Chi is a springboard for professional growth. Opportunities are made available to the members for promoting their research, receiving national and international recognition, meeting and interacting with leaders in their field, and meeting Psi Chi members of other chapters who also will be future leaders.

A culmination of the benefits mentioned above is knowing that many individuals, by their caring, dedication, perseverance, and hard work, have made it possible to encourage young persons interested in psychology to strive for excellence—to reach toward that attainable star.

Advantages to Becoming a Member of Psi Chi

1. Psi Chi provides international recognition for academic excellence in psychology, an honor which can be noted on employment applications, vitae, and résumés.
2. Through active membership in Psi Chi, students gain a sense of community with others in psychology.
3. Chapter membership facilitates leadership development, interaction with other students who have similar interests, and service to the department and UMKC.
4. Psi Chi chapter activities provide students with valuable opportunities to develop one-on-one relationships with professors who can stimulate their interest in psychology, involve them in research projects, and write meaningful letters of recommendation for them.
5. Psi Chi encourages student research at the local, regional, and national through undergraduate and graduate research award competitions and provides opportunities for students to present research and receive certificates recognizing their accomplishments at regional and national psychological association meetings. This includes many awards and grants to its student members, faculty advisors, and chapters.
6. Psi Chi sponsors outstanding programs at regional and national psychological association meetings. Members benefit not only from the programs, but also from the opportunity to meet leading psychologists and students from other chapters.
7. Membership is for life. The initial registration fee of $45- national and $15- chapter is the only payment ever made to the organization.

Questions about Membership? Please email Psi Chi: umkcpachi@umkc.edu
Membership requirements for the UMKC Chapter of Psi Chi:
- Major or Minor in Psychology
- 2nd-semester sophomore or higher
- 9 credits of psychology courses (6 @ UMKC)
- One full-time semester @ UMKC
- Minimum UMKC GPA = 3.0 at UMKC
- Minimum Psychology UMKC GPA = 3.2
- Coursework at other institutions is not calculated into your UMKC GPA.

## Personal Information

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I hereby: 1) authorize the Psi Chi faculty advisor to review my college records for the sole purpose of determining my eligibility for becoming a member of the UMKC Chapter of Psi Chi, and 2) accept Psi Chi’s Constitution.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Please return this application with your membership fees and unofficial transcript to the UMKC Psi Chi or Dr. Bennett’s mailbox 5020 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

Society Membership Fee $45
UMKC Chapter Dues $15
Total Fees Due $60

Checks will only be cashed if your application is approved.

Check that you have included:
- Application
- Unofficial Transcript (from A&S Advising)
- Lifetime Membership Fees

Applications received by 10/7/2011 will be processed in the Fall and ones received by 2/17/2012 in the Spring. Applications for the 2011-2012 school year will not be accepted after 2/17/2012.