

Psychology Honors Program

Program Overview

The Psychology Honors Program is a year-long, independent research experience for senior Psychology majors. You'll work closely with a faculty advisor on a project of mutual interest, gaining valuable skills in research design, data analysis, academic writing, and oral presentation—mirroring the demands of graduate-level training and data-driven professions. The program runs **Fall to Spring** during your **senior year**.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **Psychology major**
- Must have **secured a Psychology Department faculty advisor**
- **3.0 GPA or higher** (overall and in Psychology courses)
- Completion of **PSY 450: Advanced Research Methods** (before or during senior year) with a grade of B- or better; grade exceptions may be considered by petition

Program Components

- **Design and conduct** an independent research project
- Write a **research proposal** and **Honors Thesis**
- **Analyze data**, present your findings, and complete an **oral defense**
- Successful completion earns you: **Honors, High Honors, or Highest Honors**

Planning and Timeline

- **Start early!** Begin planning in your **sophomore or junior year**
- **Gain experience** as a research assistant in **PSY 498: Undergraduate Research**
 - Learn more about [faculty and their labs](#)
 - Try to work in a lab that matches your interests
 - Aim for depth by working in same lab for > 1 semester
- **PSY 300: Communicating for Psychological Sciences** is highly recommended
- **Take PSY 450: Advanced Research Methods** during junior year, if possible (earn grade of B- or higher, see above)
- **Apply to the program**, ideally during your junior Spring semester
- In senior year, register for:
 - **PSY 497: Honors Seminar** (Fall semester); grade of B- or higher required for program continuation
 - Additional **PSY 497 credits** (Spring semester, 1 to 8 credits under faculty advisor supervision)

Application Steps

1. Secure a **faculty advisor** (by your junior Spring)
2. Complete and submit the **application form** (below) before the deadline (see Honors website)
3. **Interview** with the Honors Program Director

Questions?

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Psychology Honors Program Application

Applicants: **Download** this PDF, **complete and save it** on your computer, and **submit** as indicated.

Step 1: Personal Information		
Name:		UB Person #:
Permanent Address:		Local Address:
Phone #:		Email:
Overall GPA:	Psychology GPA:	Anticipated Graduation Date:
What do you plan to do after graduation?		
Briefly, what do you plan to focus on in your Honors project?		
Step 2: Faculty Advisor's Name & Signature		
<i>I agree to serve as the Honors faculty advisor for the student named above.</i>		Date:
Faculty Advisor's Name:		Faculty Advisor's Signature:
Step 3: Submit Application and AAR to Honors Program Director for Interview		
<p>Email the following to Dr. Wendy Quinton</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A copy of this application form completed through Step 2 2) A PDF copy of your current and full Academic Advisement Report (AAR) <p>Dr. Quinton will then set up with you a time for your interview and will complete your application <i>(if approved)</i>.</p>		
Dr. Quinton's Signature:		Date:
Step 4: Email Christa Greenberg		
Email completed application to Christa Greenberg She will register you for PSY 497: Honors Seminar.		