Psychology Department Honors Proposal

Scholarship and research are encouraged at the undergraduate level. Students who meet the requirements should explore adding the departmental honors program to their undergraduate major. The process is competitive, and we may not be able to accommodate all applicants who meet the admission requirements each year.

Honors admission requirements include:

1. Admission to the Psychology undergraduate major;
2. An overall GPA of 3.500 in Psychology coursework;
3. A one-page, single-spaced letter describing reasons for applying to the honors track, goals, and potential benefits to participating in the program;
4. An identified Psychology faculty member to mentor the senior thesis; and
5. Completed all required courses (10 hours)
   1. PSY 111 General Psychology
   2. PSY 301 Psychological Statistics
   3. PSY 311 Research Methods in Psychology
6. Completed three of the five (9 hours) core courses required for the psychology major:
   1. PSY 320 Biological Psychology
   2. PSY 321 Psychology of Learning
   3. PSY 322 Cognitive Psychology
   4. PSY 323 Social Psychology
   5. PSY 324 Psychology of Personality
   6. PSY 325 Developmental Psychology
   7. PSY 327 Systems & Theories in Psychology
   8. PSY 328 Psychological Testing and Measurements

Students admitted to the Psychology Departmental Honors program must complete the following:

1. Commit to working in the research lab of the faculty mentor for a minimum of two semesters;
   1. This includes enrolling in PSY 608 Special Investigations for at least 1 credit hour each semester (number of credit hours is to be negotiated between faculty mentor and student)
2. Maintain a 3.500 cumulative GPA in Psychology coursework;
3. Complete honors assignments in four core or elective Psychology courses;
4. Be a participating member of the Psi Chi student organization;
5. Apply for funding to support the senior thesis (e.g., WSU Undergraduate Research Award or Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Grant);
6. Complete a mentored senior thesis; and
7. Present the mentored thesis at a local, regional, or national conference (e.g., WSU Psychology Department’s Research Roundup, WSU Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum, external academic conference [e.g., SWPA]) during the last year in the program.