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HONORS IN PSYCHOLOGY FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

Admission Requirements

1. Psychology major
2. Completed 15 hours of academic credit at EMU
3. Minimum GPA: 3.3 overall, 3.3 in Psychology
4. Enroll before the beginning of the senior year
5. Enroll at the University Honors Office

Program Requirements

1. Maintain a minimum GPA of: 3.3 overall, 3.3 in Psychology, and 3.3 in Honors courses.
2. Complete a minimum of 12 hours of Honors credit in Psychology
3. Learning Beyond the Classroom - 20 hours in the Undergraduate Psychology Advising Service.
Students have found advising in the Undergraduate Psychology Advising Service is a good way to meet those who are majoring and minoring in psychology and to learn more about the different areas and applications of psychology. This service also helps the students and the department.

4. **Courses:**

Honors in Psychology

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| 1. Honors Contract Hours or Honors Course | 3 credit hours minimum |
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| 3. Individual Reading to get background for thesis | 3 credit hours minimum |
| 4. Individual Research to do the thesis | <u>3 credit hours minimum</u> |
| Total = 12 credit hours minimum | |

Honors Contract Hours. The student contracts two courses with a PSY prefix for Honors Credit. Introductory Psychology (PSY 101 and PSY 103) cannot be contracted for the Psychology Department Honors program, because they are a part of the Gen Ed Honors Program.

The student and instructor together decide what the student will do to make the course an honors course. The addition should be an enrichment and not just busywork. An Honors Contract is filled out, signed, and given to the Psychology Honors Advisor. The forms are available on the Honors College website. Grading is the same as normally applies in the course being contracted. The Honors Work is not separately graded.

Individual Reading and Research: Thesis is required.

The student is enrolled in Individual Reading for at least 3 credit hours to get the background knowledge for the Honors Thesis and then in at least 3 credit hours of Individual Research to do the thesis project. Grading is the same as normally applies in these courses. The maximum is 6 hours in Reading and 6 hours in Research.

It is suggested that the Reading be done during the Junior year with a faculty member who is an expert in the area. This person will chair the Honors Thesis Committee. The Research should be started as promptly as possible in the Senior year to ensure that there is enough time to finish the project, write it up, and defend it.

The Honors Thesis Committee consists of at least two faculty members, the faculty member with whom the reading is done and at least one other. The project must be approved by all members of the Honors Thesis Committee before it is undertaken. Prior to the thesis proposal meeting, each committee member should have a copy of the thesis proposal. All members of the Honors Thesis Committee must sign an Initial Approval form that they accept the project. The form is attached. **Upon signing the form, the original should be filed with the Psychology Honors Advisor.**

Prior to beginning research with humans or animals, the appropriate Research Review Committee must approve the research. The 2-page summary can be used to file the research with the Honors College.

The thesis must also be defended before the Honors Thesis Committee. They may agree that to have a presentation at the Undergraduate Symposium or at a professional conference substitute for the thesis defense. Each committee member should have a copy of the thesis prior to the defense or presentation. An additional copy should be available in the Psychology Department Office for whomever would like to read it. The Final Approval form is part of the Title page of the thesis.

All theses should use standard APA format, except for the Title page, Abstract, and Table of Contents. For these initial pages and elements, as well as for the number of copies, follow the instructions for Honors Theses (or Senior Theses) from the Honors College.

Approved by:

Honors Advisor

Department Head

University Honors Director

Student's Name _____

Student EID number _____

Honors Thesis
Initial Approval

Title of Honors Thesis: _____

We approve the proposed work:

Chairperson

Date

Member

Date

Optional Member

Date

Indicate where and how the Honor's student can be reached. In case the research is elsewhere, make sure to include where and how the Honor's student can be reached at this destination.

Local address

Local Phone number(s)

e-mail address(es)

If the research is elsewhere, indicate how you can be reached there:

Return this sheet to the Honors Advisor. Make sure the Chairperson of the Honors Thesis Committee keeps a copy.