



Psychology Honors Program Application

Use	This form is used to apply for entry into the Psychology Honors Program.
Eligibility	To apply a student must be psychology major with at least sophomore standing with 9 PSYC credits at UMD and a 3.50 overall and PSYC GPA. Once accepted, students must have completed all program requirements prior to graduation in order to qualify for Honors or High Honors in Psychology.
Deadline	Applications are due by November 15 th each academic year. Students generally apply in the beginning of their junior year.
Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Download and save this electronic PDF form to your computer. Be sure that the file name contains your UID number and a title, e.g. “101234567 PSYC Honors Application.pdf” 2) Use the most recent version of Adobe Acrobat Reader to open, complete and save this form to your computer. Do not use any other program to view, edit or save the PDF file. 3) For the text boxes, you should write the text in a word processor, save it, and then paste it into the form. Be sure that everything is saved and backed up, and that when you close and reopen the file with Acrobat Reader, your information is still there. Maintain all files for your records. 4) Follow the instructions in Section III for submitting the form very carefully.

To graduate with Honors in Psychology students accepted into the program must then:

- Complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in psychology
- Earn a 3.50 GPA (both cumulative and in psychology) for Honors
- Earn a 3.80 GPA (both cumulative and in psychology) for High Honors, in addition to completing an honors thesis of exceptionally high quality as determined by the thesis committee.

Please check all that you have completed:

General Psychology Coursework – 35 credits		
A	PSYC100 or PSYC 100H (or PSYC 221 for those with AP credit)	
B	PSYC200	
C	PSYC300	
D	One 400-level PSYC lab	
E	One 400-level PSYC course from each Theme ⁱ .	I. Mind, Brain & Behavior
F	Note that the lab (D) and honors seminars (M&N)	II. Mental Health & Interventions
G	<i>can</i> count towards these three courses.	III. Social, Decision & Organizational Processes
Requirements for B.S. in Psychology – 17 credits (including 9 credits from advanced courses)		
H	MATH120, MATH136 or 140	
I	BSCI170/171	
J	Two additional advanced BS courses and 1 additional BS lab course	
K		
L		
Specific Honors Program Requirements		
M	One PSYC Honors seminar	
N	An additional advanced PSYC course	Another PSYC Honors seminar
		Another 400-level PSYC lab
		Any 600-level PSYC course
O	PSYC468H Field Experience and Special Assignments in Honors, 1-3 credit(s)	
P	PSYC469H Honors Thesis Proposal Preparation, 3 credits	
Q	PSYC498H Advanced Psychology II, 1 credit	
R	PSYC499H Honors Thesis Research, 3 credits	

Lori Kader

Michael Dougherty, Ph.D.

SECTION I - Student Information					
UID#		First Name		Last Name	
Phone		Email		Potential Faculty Mentor	
Local Street Address		City		State	Zip Code
Credits Earned	G.P.A.	Credits Earned	G.P.A.	OFFICE USE ONLY	
Cumulative		In Psychology			

SECTION II – Personal Statements
<p>1. Describe your reasons for applying to the Honors Program and what you hope to get out of it. Broadly speaking, in what area of psychology would you like to do your thesis in? (3000 character limit)</p>
Empty space for student response

SECTION III – Submitting This Application

Please follow these instructions very carefully to ensure that your application is received and processed:

- 1) Be sure that you have saved the complete PDF file on your computer, and double-check to make sure that when you close and reopen the file that everything is complete.
- 2) Complete the academic plan which outlines how you will complete the PSYC Honors requirements.
- 3) Send an email **from your UMD account** to PSYCforms@umd.edu with your application and academic plan included as attachments.
- 4) Schedule an appointment with Lori Kader by logging into [TerpEngage](#) using your Directory ID and password. Then, select "Schedule an Appointment" and search for the "PSYC Advising Team". You will get a Zoom link to use at the time of their appointment. Appointment and appointment methods can be changed or cancelled through [TerpEngage](#)

Application Process:



Students typically begin the Honors process junior year. Here’s a sample timeline to give you an idea of the thesis project process, though your schedule may be different.

	Junior		Senior	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Submit application & meet with Associate		Work with faculty advisor to conduct literature review & develop thesis proposal	Complete & submit formal thesis proposal & IRB application	Conduct research. Prepare final thesis and defense
Candidates interview with Department Chair				
Meet with potential faculty advisors		Start to conduct research & develop committee (advisor + 3 faculty)	Register PSYC469H	Register PSYC498H & PSYC499H

Thesis Overview

The Honors thesis describes a research project carried out independently under the guidance of a Psychology Department faculty member. The research may be an original project or one that derives from ongoing work in the faculty mentor’s lab or research group. Whatever the research, it must have the approval of the Institutional Review Board's Human Subjects Committee or the Animal Care Committee. The thesis forms a significant part of the student's Honors work. The written document as well as an oral defense will be evaluated by the Thesis Committee, which consists of the student’s research advisor plus two other members of the faculty, at least one of whom is in the relevant graduate training area.

In judging the written thesis, the Thesis Committee weighs (a) how well the student places the research into the context of the relevant literature; (b) the clarity and originality of the experimental design; (c) the relevance of the statistical design and analysis; and (d) the student's interpretation and integration of findings within the research and theoretical literature in psychology. Similar criteria are used to judge performance in the oral examination.

Expectations

- 1) Join Psi Chi
- 2) Become a member of the Undergraduate Psychology Association
- 3) Present at Undergraduate Research Fair
- 4) Present at the Campus Research Fair

SECTION III – Academic Plan				
Starting with the CURRENT semester: Complete the plan showing how you will fit the PSYC Honors requirements into your academic 4 year plan				
	Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
Junior				
		Total Credits:		Total Credits:
Senior				
		Total Credits:		Total Credits: