Psychology Honors Program
Information and Application Form 2024

The Psychology Honors Program is for Psychology majors considering graduate-level education who want in-depth exposure to research in Psychology. Completing the Psychology Honors Program reflects a student's independence, commitment to the field, and expertise in an area.

<u>Here is the typical thesis track. Please note it covers 3 semesters.</u>
Spring Junior Year: Student registers for Psychology 495H (Honors Seminar)
- In this course, each student develops a proposal for research that, generally, will be conducted under faculty supervision during the following academic year.

Senior Year: Student registers for Psychology 497H and 498H with a faculty mentor.
- These two courses are offered back-to-back in the fall and spring. These courses involve conducting the project, collecting and analyzing the data for the project, and finalizing the writing of this project.
- Students generally use Fall (497H) to collect data and finish writing their introduction and method.
- Students generally use Spring (498H) to analyze their data and write their results and discussion.
- This program culminates with a full written paper following APA guidelines and formatting and is usually defended to the faculty mentor and a second faculty member.

<u>Eligibility:</u>
GPA
Your cumulative GPA at the end of Summer, 2024 should be **<u>at least 3.3.</u>**
You should expect your GPA will remain **at least 3.3 at the end of the Fall 2024.**

Prerequisites
By the end of Fall, 2024, you should have **completed PSY 317** (Behavioral Science Statistics: Inference) (or a course that satisfies the requirement of PSY 317) and **PSY 312** (Research Methods) (or PSY 412). In rare cases, with permission of the instructor of PSY 495H, a student may enroll in these courses concurrently with enrollment in PSY 495H.

Any psychology major in the University Honors Program or University Scholars Program is already a Psychology Honors student.

Satisfying the eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission to the program.

<u>How to Apply to the Program</u>
If you are not in the University Honors or Scholars Programs, and anticipate graduating in May or December 2026, you may apply to be in the Psychology Honors program.

Directions: Complete the attached form and the additional required statement. Email both as a PDF to e.goncy@csuohio.edu. The PDF should be a single document that contains all parts of the application.

<u>Admission</u>
If your application is approved, you will be given permission to register for PSY 495H. PSY 495H meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. in the spring semester. You will have to organize your spring schedule to accommodate this course.

Important Dates:
Application Deadline: Monday, November 4, at 5 p.m.
Decisions and Notifications: Friday, November 15, by end of the day
495H: Meets in spring semester ONLY from 2:00-3:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays
497H: Meets in fall semester of your senior year – time is determined by faculty mentor
498H: Meets in spring semester of your senior year – time is determined by faculty mentor

For additional information, please consult Dr. Goncy (e.goncy@csuohio.edu) the Director of the Psychology Honors Program.

Psychology Honors Program Application

1. Basic Information

Name:

Email:

CSU Student ID:

Major:

Overall GPA:

I have completed PSY 317 or another course that satisfies the requirement of PSY 317, or will have done so by the end of the Fall semester (please circle) **Yes   No**

I have completed PSY 312 or PSY 412, or will have done so by the end of the Fall semester (please circle) **Yes   No**

When do you plan to graduate? _____

2. Potential Research Mentor

If there is a faculty member under whose supervision you are likely to work, please identify him or her.

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3. Statement

Please attach a brief statement in which you explain your interest in the Honors Program in Psychology. You should also describe your research interests; your previous research experience, if any; and your career goals. Your statement should not exceed two double-spaced pages.