

McGill's Honours Psychology Program

PRESENTATION FOR LOWER-LEVEL CLASSES BY MEMBERS OF THE
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

What is the honours program and its benefits?

- A program for students to gain hands-on research experience in a psychology laboratory
 - Complements knowledge gained in class settings
- Involved in tasks such as literature review, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation
 - Gain necessary research experience in preparation for graduate school
- Complete a written thesis detailing your project with feedback from both a lab supervisor and course instructor
 - Experience with scientific writing and responding to multiple sources of feedback
- Enroll in an honours seminar that covers research process and professional development issues
 - Small class size
 - Experience with discussion, oral presentations, and peer feedback

What are the honours program requirements?

- **Completion of PSYC 380D1/D2: Honours Research Project and Seminar (9 credits)**
 - Full-year honours seminar course
 - Grade determined by course instructor with input from research supervisor
- **Completion of PSYC 306: Research Methods in Psychology (3 credits)**
 - If possible, completed before admission into honours program
- **Completion of PSYC 439: Correlational Techniques (3 credits)**
 - Advanced statistics course
- **Nine additional credits from the following:**
 - PSYC 492 (Readings course; 3 credits), 485, 486, 487, 488D (Senior Honours Thesis courses; 3-6 credits)
 - 500-level PSYC courses (seminars)
 - 400-level PSYC courses (MAXIMUM OF 6 of 9 CREDITS)

What is the honours application process?

- **DEADLINE:** Wednesday July 3, 2024
- **Application link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/yStr3yjtBh>
 - Application consists of personal information, GPA, and grades in core courses
- Can apply either the summer before your U2 or U3 year
- If less than three semesters left until graduation, can apply for PSYC 450 (honours equivalent) concurrently

What are the admissions criteria?

- **Prerequisites:**
 - PSYC 204, PSYC 305
 - PSYC 211, PSYC 212, PSYC 213, PSYC 215
 - 27 graded credits in fall/winter of U1 year (if applying to U2 honours) or U2 year (if applying to U3 honours)
- **Evaluated based on cGPA and grades in prerequisite courses**
- **Admission grades vary every year based on application pool**
 - 2021: cGPA 3.85; 2022: cGPA 3.77; 2023: cGPA 3.90

What to do if I do/do not get accepted?

- **If you get accepted:**
 - Congrats! Reach out to prospective research supervisors right away to secure a spot
 - Email with CV and undergrad transcript and a brief message about why you are interested in their research

- **If you do not get accepted:**
 - Don't worry; there are many alternatives!
 - **If you are entering U2:**
 - Consider PSYC 349: Psychology Research Experience (NOTE: Not yet available)
 - Consider PSYC 385: Psychology Research Project
 - Apply again next year!
 - **If you are entering U3:**
 - Consider PSYC 349: Psychology Research Experience (NOTE: Not yet available)
 - Consider PSYC 484: Psychology Research Project