

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION OF U2 OR U3 STUDENTS TO HONOURS AND U3 STUDENTS TO HONOURS-EQUIVALENT

Before completing your application for the honours program, it is important to know the number of courses and credits that are required to successfully complete the program. They include:

- PSYC 380D1/D2: Honours Research Project and Seminar (9 credits)
- PSYC 482: Advanced Honours Seminar (3 credits)
- 12 credits of honours-complementary courses. These courses include senior honours research courses (i.e., PSYC 495, 496, 497, 498D1/D2), PSYC 403, PSYC 483, or any 500-level PSYC course.

The honours program checklists are available on the department website:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/psychology/undergraduate/programs-study>. Note that you may need to change your planned passage through the undergraduate program if accepted to honours to accommodate the number of credits needed, as described above.

Students unable to commit to the above requirements for honours are invited to apply to the honours-equivalent program only (if they are a final year U3 student) or may choose to gain research experience in other ways, such as through independent research courses (e.g., PSYC 395, PSYC 495, PSYC 494) or laboratory courses (e.g., PSYC 351, PSYC 352, PSYC 353).

Applications are due on July 5, 2021. Students intending to apply to Honours must have completed the U1 requirements for the Major Psychology program, which include PSYC 204, PSYC 211, PSYC 212, PSYC 213 and PSYC 215. In addition, preference will be given to students who have completed PSYC 305 due to the necessity to propose and implement a data analysis plan as part of the thesis. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 are eligible to apply; however, during the past several years, most students admitted have had at least a 3.65 U1 GPA based on a 27-30 credit program. Evaluation of your application will be made on the basis of academic standing (i.e., cGPA, but especially grades in psychology core courses and the statistics course(s)) as well as interest in research.

To apply, please complete the application form online at the following link:

https://mcgillpsy.col1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCNRd5fsq6iOoKO. **You must also email your unofficial transcript to undergrad.psych@mcgill.ca.** All students who have applied will be notified by e-mail of the Honours Committee's decision by mid-August.

Applications for Honours are generally submitted at the end of U1, and thus most of the seats in Honours are reserved for students beginning their U2 year. However, students entering U3 who have more than two semesters remaining (i.e., who will take 380D and PSYC 482 in different years) are considered to be U2 admits. **If you are a U2 entering U3, but are not in your final year, please indicate this on your application.**

A few students may be admitted into Honours in their final year. Students admitted in U3 take 380D and 482 in the same academic year that they graduate. GPA requirements are very high for these spots. Students not admitted to U3 Honours will automatically be considered for PSYC 450D, i.e., Honours Equivalent. This course is run identically to 380D. The difference between Honours and Honours equivalent for U3 admits is that Honours students take 482 as well in their final year, and Honours equivalent do not. Otherwise, the research and seminar experience is identical. Admission to both courses is highly competitive. **If you wish to be considered only for 450 and not for Honours, please indicate this on your application.**

If you are accepted into the Honours or Honours-equivalent Program, you will need to find a faculty member to supervise you. First, do not panic! All students accepted into the Honours or

Honours-equivalent Program will have a spot in a lab. That said, lab placements are competitive and subject to some randomness, so while you should do what you can to get accepted into your top choice labs, don't become too invested in only a few labs. There are many labs in the department that are doing interesting work and that will train you in the skills you would want for graduate school. **Note that potential supervisors include full-time faculty members of the Psychology department as well as Associate Members.**

Once you are accepted into the honours or honours-equivalent program, we recommend that you contact at least 5 possible supervisors to inquire about available positions. Please do not contact supervisors before learning whether you have been accepted into one of these programs. In these emails, you should attach your unofficial transcript and curriculum vitae or resume and include a short description of any previous research experience you have had. You do not need to propose a research project idea in these emails; your research project will be developed in collaboration with your supervisor. Do not panic if you do not have a supervisor lined up by the beginning of the fall semester; this is quite common as many labs have not yet finalized research plans for the year. In these cases, your seminar professor will help connect you with a research supervisor in the first few weeks of the semester.

Students who apply to Honours register on Minerva as if they are in the Major program and if they are admitted, they are given permits to register in the Honours courses on Minerva.

If you have any further questions, please contact undergrad.psych@mcgill.ca.

Choose one: Entering U2 _____
Entering U3 with more than 2 semesters (33 credits) left _____
Entering U3, **Final year** (2 semesters, 33 credits or less remaining) _____
If entering final year: I want to be considered for Honours and 450 _____
I want to be considered only for 450 _____

1. Name: _____

2. Student Number: _____

3. McGill e-mail Address:

5. Grade point average and number of credits.

Cumulative GPA: _____ Total Credits: _____

U0 (if applicable): _____ Credits: _____

U1: _____ Credits: _____

U2 (if applicable): _____ Credits: _____

U3 (if applicable): _____ Credits: _____

6. Please indicate your grades in the following psychology courses, when applicable.

PSYC 100: _____

PSYC 204: _____

PSYC 211: _____

PSYC 212: _____

PSYC 213: _____

PSYC 215: _____

PSYC 305: _____

7. Please list all other psychology courses taken and corresponding grades.

8. Please list any non-psychology statistics or math courses you have taken and corresponding grades.

9. List any research experience you have gained (e.g., as a volunteer in a lab, a student in a course, etc.). This can include experiences from high school, CEGEP, and/or university.

10. In your opinion, what are some important topics of research or exciting directions in the field of psychology today? Please explain your response. (250 words maximum)