

Honors Program in Psychology

Program Requirements:

- Starting in junior year (or 4th year if taking 5 years to complete degree)
- Overall GPA of at least 3.2
- GPA in psychology classes of at least 3.5

Application Requirements:

Submit:

- A short essay (2-4 pages) explaining why you are interested in the program, including some discussion of possible areas of interest; and
- A copy of your transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

Where to apply:

Send applications to:

Psych Honors Program
Department of Cognitive Sciences

Via:

- E-mail to: cogsci@uci.edu
- U.S. Mail to:
3151 Social Science Plaza
Irvine, CA 92697-5100
- In Person:
3215 Social Science Plaza B

Questions about the Program?

Please contact:

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Honors Program Advisor

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The Honors Program is designed for students in the Psychology (Cognitive Sciences) major who are interested in pursuing graduate study in psychology and/or seeking challenging research experiences as a capstone to their undergraduate experience.

How long is the program?

The program requires two (2) years to complete. It begins in the fall quarter of your junior year (or 4th year if taking 5 years to complete the degree) and ends in the spring quarter of your senior (or 5th) year.

What does the program involve?

In Year 1, students participate in the following:

- Take Honors Experimental Psychology (H111A-B-C) in F, W, S, which will provide you with a strong foundation in experimental research methods and the opportunity to carry out research; and
- Take a seminar course, Psychology H101A, during fall quarter. The goal of this course is to introduce you to various avenues of psychology research which you can pursue at UCI.

In Year 2 (the final year), students will:

- Carry out a research project under the direction of a member of the faculty;
- Write a thesis and present your research at the 'Honors in Psychology' symposium;
- Participate in a seminar course, Psychology H101B, during fall quarter. This course helps students get off to a good start on their senior research projects and the initial stages of writing their theses; and
- Participate in Psychology H101C (another seminar course) during spring quarter. This course is designed to assist students in the completion of their theses and preparation of the symposium presentations.

You may also wish to enroll in 190, 198 or 199 units with your research advisor. This is optional and can be done any quarter.

What type of research can you do?

Students in the program have carried out research in a wide variety of areas over the years. Some of these include: eye witness testimony, memory in Alzheimer's disease, color perception, concept formation in children, short-term memory, reading and spelling ability, language acquisition and processing, bilingualism, face recognition, and sex differences in mental skills.

These are just a few of the many areas in which it is possible to carry out research as a member of the Honors Program. Graduate programs – including those in clinical psychology – regard research experience as extremely important when considering applications.

When to apply?

Admission to the program is selective and you are encouraged to apply as early as possible as applications are reviewed and acted on as soon as they are received. For acceptance into the program for the 2008-09 academic year:

- Continuing students must apply by June 5, 2009.
- Transfer students must apply by August 15, 2009.