

# **UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM**

NYU Department of Psychology

## **APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15**

The goal of the Honors Program is to provide the best intellectual training the department can give to psychology majors, regardless of ultimate career paths. Honors students typically gain admittance to the best graduate and professional schools.

### **REQUIREMENTS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION**

1. **Current sophomore or junior**
2. Overall and Psychology GPA  $\geq$  3.65.
3. Successful completion of Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences and at least two Core courses.
4. Involvement in research either independently (strongly preferred) or through Research Methods & Experiences.
5. Commitment from a faculty member to be your Honors Research Sponsor (even though your project may not be finalized).
6. Request a faculty member to send a brief recommendation letter on your behalf to the Honors Committee, c/o the Undergraduate Psychology Office. The recommendation should be in a sealed envelope and the recommender should sign along the envelope seal. It will be your responsibility to *make sure that their recommendation is submitted on time. If not received on time, we will not be able to consider your application.*
7. Acceptance into the Honors Program is based primarily upon grades, faculty recommendation and research experience. Other supporting material may help but is not required. Examples of other supporting material: 1) recommendations of relevant non-faculty (e.g., a supervisor in research or clinical work); 2) an exceptional term paper or research report. The committee selects the top applicants each Spring and also considers factors such as the strength of applicants' background in psychology in making its decision.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

1. **Grade-point averages and credit at NYU**  
At graduation, Overall and Psychology GPA  $\geq$  3.65, based upon at least 60 graded credits in Arts & Sciences at NYU are required. University policy does not allow exceptions to either the required averages or the required credits.
2. **Honors Seminars (2)**  
In the Fall semester of your junior or senior year, you will take the **Honors Seminar I**, V89.0200, which is concerned with contemporary theoretical issues and research literature. The following spring semester you will take the **Honors Seminar II**, V89.0201. This seminar is concerned with development and preparation of your final Honors Thesis. Although not recommended, in rare circumstances, it is sometimes possible to take the honors sequence in reverse order (Spring - Fall). If you feel that this necessary in order for you to complete the honors program, please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
3. **Honors Mini-Proposal**  
A 5 page proposal for your honors thesis is **due by October 15th (of your honors year)**. You will receive more information on the mini-proposal when accepted into the program.
4. **Presentation**  
Participation in the annual Undergraduate Research Conference (late Spring term).
5. **Honors Thesis**  
The thesis is **due April 15 (of your honors year)**. Advice and direction in choosing a research project for the honors thesis is available from the director of the Honors Program, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, or from any psychology faculty. The research must be done under the direction of a faculty sponsor, with the student taking substantial responsibility. The Honors Thesis, written in the style of an APA journal article, is expected to be work, which is at the level of a first year graduate student project. Book and cash awards are made for outstanding theses.

**STUDENTS: PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS**

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New York University

**APPLICATION**

NYU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Overall GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Psychology GPA.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of credits completed (not including present term): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of graded credits in Arts and Science at NYU: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Expected Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of remaining semester left at NYU: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Attach** a copy of your NYU *official* transcript and *official* transcripts from previous colleges attended. **Also attach** a separate list of ALL psychology courses taken with the grades received.
4. **Name of faculty recommender:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Faculty recommender should send a letter to the Honors Committee, Room 158, 6 Washington Place.)
5. If you do not have a **project sponsor**, indicate the area(s) you might be interested in for your honors research. Hopefully you have already lined up a research sponsor. A description of faculty research interests can be found on our website ([www.psych.nyu.edu](http://www.psych.nyu.edu)).
6. If you have a research sponsor and project already, give the name of the sponsor, title, address, phone #, and e-mail address.
7. Give a brief description of the project below.
8. Any additional information you wish to inform the Committee of.