

Graduating with Departmental Honors in Psychology Requirements

Eligibility Requirements for Graduating with Departmental Honors in Psychology:

- Declared Major in Psychology
- GPA of at least 3.70 in *ALL* advanced Psychology courses (numbered 3000 and above) taken (including transfer courses)
- Completion of at least two PSYC 500X/501X series courses resulting in a cumulative written report reflecting work completed across both semesters. Students are referred to the honors thesis guidelines for more information about the written report.
- A grade with Honors earned in at least two of the aforementioned PSYC 500X/501X series courses *and*
- A letter of recommendation from the professor who supervised the projects and assigned the grades of “Honors” in the PSYC 500X/ 501X series courses.

Graduating with Departmental Honors in Psychology Application

- Students must complete and submit the Graduating with Departmental Honors in Psychology Application (attached).
- **Please also include with your application:**
 - Letter of recommendation in a sealed and signed envelope addressed to:
Psychology Department Honors and Awards Committee
 - A copy of your final Honors Report

Application Submission and Processing

Students are encouraged to submit applications during their final semester of enrollment in coursework at Brooklyn College, prior to graduation. Applications will be accepted until the end of the semester after the student’s graduation.

Applications will be reviewed by the Psychology Department Honors and Awards Committee, who will then make recommendations regarding award of a degree with honors for excellence in the field of Psychology.

All students will be notified of the final outcome, which is ultimately processed by the Office of the Registrar and typically occurs the semester following graduation. This delay is because all grades earned in advanced psychology courses taken must be included in the aforementioned GPA calculation, and many students take advanced psychology courses during their final semester.

The Graduating with Departmental Honors notation, “DEPARTMENTAL HONORS IN PSYCHOLOGY” will appear on the transcript, not on the diploma.

Questions may be directed to Prof. Deborah Walder at dwalder@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Graduating with Departmental Honors in Psychology PSYC 500X and PSYC 501X Series Courses

PSYC 500X series (PSYC 5001-5004): Independent Honors Research

This is a faculty supervised independent research course that includes literature review, data collection and analysis, and/or substantial theoretical development, meta-analytic, computational or simulation-based work. Students meet with their advisors on a weekly basis in order to work on and generate a final research report by the end of the semester. A copy of the resulting report must be submitted to the Department for each course section. No grade will be assigned for the course until a Department approved report is submitted and filed.

Eligibility criteria:

- *Prerequisites:* Introductory Psychology (PSYC 1000); Statistical Methods (PSYC 3400); six additional credits in advanced Psychology Department courses; Experimental Psychology (PSYC 3450), which may be included among the six credits or may be taken as a co-requisite; and permission of the Chairperson.
- An overall GPA of 3.0 or higher (not just in psychology courses) and a faculty member agrees to serve as advisor/instructor.

PSYC 501X series (PSYC 5011-5014): Independent Honors Fieldwork

This is a faculty supervised independent fieldwork course (e.g. an internship) with library research in an area of psychology. Students are required to write a report on the theoretical perspectives and empirical studies related to one or more aspects of the internship. Both the fieldwork and literature review topic(s) must be approved and supervised by a member of the Psychology Department faculty, with whom students will meet with on a weekly basis to produce a final report that must be submitted to the Department for each course section. No grade will be assigned for the course until a Department approved report is submitted and filed.

Eligibility criteria:

- *Prerequisites:* Introductory Psychology (PSYC 1000); Statistical Methods (PSYC 3400); a minimum of nine credits in advanced Psychology Department courses including PSYC 3400, and permission of the Chairperson
- 61 or more credits earned, an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher (not just in psychology courses) and a faculty member agrees to serve as advisor/instructor.

