

# HONORS PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department invites applicants for our Honors Program. In this program, our top students conduct an independent research project under the supervision of a Psychology faculty sponsor.

The Honors Program is a 3-quarter sequence of courses, beginning with Psychology 597 (Honors Seminar) and culminating with Psychology 598A and 598B (Honors Project). Students planning to pursue graduate training in Psychology are strongly encouraged to apply.

*Students must meet the following requirements to be considered for admission to the Honors Program:*

- a) *3.5 GPA in the major*
- b) *3.5 GPA overall or in last 90 units (GPA of 3.25-3.49 will be considered on a case by case basis with a mentor letter of reference);*
- c) *completion of SSCI 306 (Expository Writing) or equivalent with a "B" or better prior to enrollment in the Honors Program (preference given for SSCI 306);*
- d) *completion of PSYC 311 (Introduction to Experimental Psychology) with a "B+" or better prior to enrollment in the Honors Program; and*
- e) *completion of the Application for Honors Program in Psychology, which includes a statement of purpose and a writing sample.*

To receive honors in psychology at graduation, a student must complete the year-long honors project. Each student entering the Honors Program must have a faculty sponsor--someone who is willing to advise, work with, and supervise the student on his or her honors project.

Students in the Honors Program must enroll in a 3-quarter sequence of courses, consisting of the following:

**FALL QUARTER**-Psyc 597 (Honors Seminar): In the first quarter, students meet weekly in a classroom setting to discuss and formalize their projects. At the end of the first quarter, students will submit a detailed proposal of their honors project completed in consultation with their faculty honors mentor. The seminar also provides an opportunity to discuss other matters of interest to honors students, especially issues related to applying to graduate school (4 units).

**WINTER QUARTER** (Psyc 598A) and **SPRING QUARTER** (Psyc 598B): In the final two quarters, students enroll in individual study directly with their faculty mentor. While no formal classes are held during these two quarters, students conduct and complete their honors project during this time (2 units each quarter).

By the end of the program, students will receive a total of 8 Units for the year-long Honors Program. Only 4 units will count towards the 16 units in upper-division psychology electives.

A student successfully completes the Honors Program with the completion of his or her honors project and a written Honors Thesis on the project. They present their findings at the CSUSB Research Symposium in the spring. Upon completion of the program and meeting all other requirements noted above, the student will graduate with Honors in Psychology.

**Prospective honor students are strongly encouraged to begin planning for the honors program no later than spring quarter 2017. Applications are available on the website: [http://psychology.csusb.edu/undergraduatePrograms/honors\\_program.htm](http://psychology.csusb.edu/undergraduatePrograms/honors_program.htm). Prospective applicants should contact Dr. Kelly Campbell at [kelly@csusb.edu](mailto:kelly@csusb.edu) to get questions answered.**

**Applications for the 2017-2018 AY are  
DUE June 19, 2017 in the Psychology Department (SB-425)**

# APPLICATION FOR HONORS PROGRAM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT/PSYCHOLOGY

**1. INFORMATION**

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

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Quarter & Year entered University: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level (check one): Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For computing GPA, only include courses taken at CSUSB)

Number of units taken at CSUSB: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. COURSES TAKEN:** List previous Human Development/Psychology courses and grades received. \*Please note that you must complete Psychology 311 (with a grade of B+ or better) by the end of Summer 2017 to be considered for the program.

Course Number	Units	Grade

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**3. ANTICIPATED COURSEWORK:** List all Human Development/Psychology coursework that it is currently in progress or will be *completed* by the end of Summer 2017.

Course Number	Units	Quarter

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**4. LETTER OF APPLICATION:** On a separate sheet of paper, please write a two-page Letter of Application to the program in which you state: a) your background and interest in human development/psychology, b) a brief outline of your proposed honors project, and c) why you want to join the Honors Program.

**5. WRITING SAMPLE:** Please attach, as a sample of your work, a copy of a paper that you wrote for one of your upper division Human Development/Psychology courses. This should be a research-oriented paper such as those completed in PSYC 311.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Justification: \_\_\_\_\_