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## Policy on Honours Admission

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The Honours program is intended for students who wish to acquire extensive research experience during their final year of study. Students in the Honours program complete an honours thesis under the supervision of a faculty or adjunct faculty member in the Department. The honours thesis is a written report of an independent research project carried out by the student.

### Policies

Admission criteria:

- a) at least 72 units or 12.0 full-course equivalents (FCE) completed at the time of application;
- b) minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 over the most recent 42 units (7.0 FCE);
- c) minimum GPA of 3.5 over all Psychology courses included in the most recent 30 units (5.0 FCE);
- d) minimum grade of A- in PSYC 312 (or 407, 411, or 415);
- e) no Fs over the most recent 30 units (5.0 FCE);
- f) all remaining graduation requirements for the BA/BSc Honours degree can be completed during the following Fall/Winter registration period;
- g) eligible thesis supervisor willing to supervise the honours thesis and resources available to complete the thesis.

### Procedures

1. Students submit an application by January 23 of the year prior to their final year using the Honours Program Application Form.
3. On the application form students rank order their choices of up to three faculty members who could serve as thesis supervisors.
4. In addition to the application form, students provide an unofficial transcript, a brief CV (relevant educational, employment, and volunteer experience), and a statement of intent (why the student wants to complete the honours program and a rationale for why they have chosen the research areas and supervisors identified on the application form).
5. The Director of Undergraduate Studies checks each application against the admission criteria and creates a file for each applicant who meets the criteria.
6. By mid-February the application files are ready to be viewed by faculty. Faculty confirm their willingness to supervise particular students by contacting the Director of Undergraduate Studies by March 1.
7. Students matched with faculty supervisors are admitted to the program and will be so advised by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The Director of Undergraduate Studies will identify potential supervisors for unmatched applicants and will attempt to match these students

to a supervisor prior to March 1.

8. If a supervisor cannot be found for a student the student cannot be admitted to the honours program.