Honors Program in Psychology  
2017-2018

Do you enjoy reading about psychological research? Do you ever think about how you might design a study to explore a psychological topic? If you answered yes to these questions, consider applying to the Honors Program in Psychology.

The Honors Program in Psychology is a two-semester program in which each student designs and conducts a research study on a psychological topic. It is your chance to be the experimenter. You choose the topic. You design the study and develop the methodology. You collect and analyze the data. You write a research manuscript and you present your project at a university-wide colloquium. You are not in this alone. You will work with other Honors students. You will work with a faculty mentor, and you will work with the instructor of the course (Dr. Martin van den Berg).

The Honors Program is a yearlong commitment. During the Fall semester, Honors students complete PSY 399H (3 units), which can be an elective for the major in Psychology. The class meets on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:50. In the fall, students define a problem area, review relevant literature, design methodology, select appropriate measures, write an introduction and method section, and begin pilot data collection. In the Spring semester, Honors students complete PSY 499H (3 units). This class takes the place of PSYC 401 (Capstone in Psychology). During this semester, students collect and analyze their data and prepare their projects for written and oral presentation. Successful completion of each semester with a grade of B or better will result in “Honors in the Major” appearing on graduation transcripts.

To get a good idea of the type of projects Honors students develop, check out the Honors Colloquium this year. It will be Wednesday, May 3, 2-5 pm, in Colusa 100A/B. You do not need to stay the entire time. Come and go around your class schedule.

Applications are due by noon, Friday, May 5. The committee will meet and review applications during finals week. Everyone is notified by the first week of June.

If you have any questions, please contact Martin van den Berg (Modoc 210, 530-898-3472, mvandenberg@csuchico.edu).
APPLICATION FOR PSYCHOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM
2017-2018

Please turn this form in at the Psychology Department office, Modoc 215, no later than noon on Friday, May 5.

Name
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I have declared my major in Psychology _____ yes _____ no

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*You must have completed or have in progress at least three upper division classes in Psychology, in addition to PSYC 364. List any other Psychology courses on reverse, if more space is needed.

In no more than two typed, double-spaced pages, please
1) tell us why you wish to participate in the Honors Program;
2) discuss an area of interest within Psychology that you find particularly fascinating;
3) comment on your academic strengths and weaknesses; and
4) describe specific career goals you have, and how the Honors Program fits in with these.

Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcript. You can obtain an unofficial transcript through your portal account.