

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senate

**From:** L. Salter  
Chair, SCAP

**Subject:** Department of Psychology -  
Curriculum Revision

**Date:** November 9, 1989

Reference: SCUS 89-28  
SCAP 89-39

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies gives rise to the following motion

**Motion:**

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.89-55 the proposed changes to the honors program entrance requirements in the Department of Psychology."

# PRESENT      CALENDAR

## Honors Program

### Admission

Psychology majors may apply to enter the honors program. The appropriate form is available from the Departmental Office. Students normally apply for entry into the honors program in their fourth year.

The qualifications for admission to the honors program are

- completion of 90 semester hours of university course work with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- a minimum 3.0 or higher grade point average in Psychology courses
- successful completion of

PSYC 100-3 Introduction to Psychology I  
102-3 Introduction to Psychology II  
201-3 Research Methods in Psychology  
207-3 History of Psychology  
210-3 Data Analysis in Psychology or equivalent courses

- successful completion of 15 semester hours of Psychology course work at Simon Fraser University

### Continuation

To remain in the honors program, students must

- obtain a faculty advisor
- have a minimum 3.0 or higher grade point average for all courses taken in each semester
- have a minimum 3.0 or higher grade point average for all Psychology courses taken in each semester
- successfully complete PSYC 301-3, Intermediate Research and Data Analysis

**Note:** It is recommended that PSYC 301 be taken prior to entry to the honors program.

A student not meeting these requirements may be dropped from the program. Such a student may apply for readmission to the honors program. Students having difficulty finding an honors advisor should contact the Departmental Undergraduate Advisor for assistance. A pamphlet describing the honors program and the requirements for the honors project (PSYC 490-5 and 499-5) may be obtained from the general office.

### Completion

To receive honors in Psychology students must

- meet the honors graduation requirements of the University and the Faculty of Arts.
- successfully complete 50 semester hours of upper division Psychology courses (up to 12 of these credits may be approved options from other departments). No more than 8 of these semester hours may be in directed studies courses.
- successfully complete PSYC 402-5 Seminar in the History of Psychology
- successfully complete an honors project (PSYC 490-5 and PSYC 499-5). Students must have completed at least 90 semester hours of university work, with at least 20 semester hours in upper division Psychology courses before enrolling in the honors project. A plan must be approved by the faculty supervisor and by the PSYC 490 instructor before work is begun.
- obtain certification by the Undergraduate Studies Committee that the program has been satisfactorily completed.

PROPOSED  
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## Honors Program

### Admission

Psychology majors may apply to enter the honors program. The appropriate form is available from the Departmental Office. The deadline for submission of the application is March 15 each year.

The qualifications for admission to the honors program are

- completion of 75 semester hours of university course work with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- a minimum 3.0 or higher grade point average in Psychology courses
- successful completion of

PSYC 100-3 Introduction to Psychology I  
102-3 Introduction to Psychology II  
201-3 Research Methods in Psychology  
207-3 History of Psychology  
210-3 Data Analysis in Psychology or  
equivalent courses

- successful completion of 15 semester hours of Psychology course work at Simon Fraser University
- signature of a faculty member willing to advise the honors project. Students having difficulty finding an honors advisor should contact the Departmental Undergraduate Advisor for assistance.

### Continuation

To remain in the honors program, students must

- have a minimum 3.0 or higher grade point average for all courses taken in each semester
- have a minimum 3.0 or higher grade point average for all Psychology courses taken in each semester
- successfully complete PSYC 301-3, Intermediate Research and Data Analysis.

**Note:** It is recommended that PSYC 301 be taken prior to entry to the honors program.

A student not meeting these requirements will be dropped from the program. Such a student may apply for readmission to the honors program.

## Completion

- To receive honors in Psychology, students must
- meet the honors graduation requirements of the University and of the Faculty of Arts
  - successfully complete 50 semester hours of upper division Psychology courses (up to 12 of these hours may be approved options from other departments). No more than 8 of these semester hours may be in directed studies courses
  - successfully complete PSYC 402-5, Seminar in the History of Psychology
  - successfully complete an honors project (PSYC 490-5 and PSYC 499-5). Students must have completed at least 90 semester hours of university work, with at least 20 semester hours in upper division Psychology courses before enrolling in the honors project. A plan must be approved by the faculty supervisor and by the PSYC 490 instructor before work is begun. A pamphlet describing the requirements for the honors project may be obtained from the General Office.
  - obtain certification by the Undergraduate Studies Committee that the program has been satisfactorily completed.

## RATIONAL

The qualifications for admission to the honors program have been amended to:

- completion of 75 hours of university course work with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher rather than the previous 90 hours, in order that students can apply for the honors program earlier.