

HONORS COURSEWORK IN PSYCHOLOGY

***Note:** The following information is intended to provide an overview of information regarding honors coursework in Psychology. For official college guidelines, students are directed to the “Honors Courses” section of the current Brooklyn College Bulletin for Undergraduate Programs: <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/administration/enrollment/registrar/bulletins.php>

There are *two options* for students to complete honors coursework in psychology, as outlined below. ***Only OPTION 1 may be used towards meeting eligibility requirements for consideration of Graduating with Honors in Psychology. Students graduating at the end of Spring 2016 and thereafter will have to complete a sequence of at least TWO 5000 or 5010 series courses and submit a written thesis project to apply for consideration of Departmental Honors in Psychology.***

Information regarding *Graduating with Honors in Psychology* may be found on the Psychology Department website:

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/schools/naturalsciences/undergraduate/psychology/students/honors.php>

OPTION 1. 5000 and 5010 Series Courses - Independent Honors Research (PSYC 5001 through PSYC 5004) and Independent Honors Fieldwork (PSYC 5011 through PSYC 5014). Students may register to receive academic course credit for independent honors work if:

- (a) they meet eligibility criteria (as outlined below)
- (b) a faculty member agrees to serve as advisor/instructor, *and*
- (c) the Chair of the Psychology Department approves.

Note: Students need to receive a grade “with Honors” in these honors courses (to be noted by the instructor upon grade submission) in order for the coursework to count towards eligibility and consideration to “Graduate with Honors in Psychology.” For more information, see:

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/schools/naturalsciences/undergraduate/psychology/students/honors.php>.

Eligibility for PSYC 5000 and PSYC 5010 series courses:

(A) **To be eligible for a course in the PSYC 5000 Independent Honors Research series (PSYC 5001 through PSYC 5004)** students must have the following:

- PSYC 1000 (Introductory Psychology); PSYC 3400 (Statistical Methods); six additional credits in advanced psychology Department courses; PSYC 3450 (Experimental Psychology), which may be included among the six credits or may be taken as a co-requisite; and permission of the Chairperson
- 61 or more credits earned
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher

This is faculty supervised independent research 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 regular basis in order to work on and generate a final research report by the end of the semester. A copy of the resulting paper must be submitted to the Department.

For the Registration Form, Click: [Registration Form for 5000 Series \(Independent Honors Research\)](#)

(B) To be eligible for a course in the PSYC 5010 Independent Honors Fieldwork series (PSYC 5011 through PSYC 5014) students must have the following:

- PSYC 1000 (Introductory Psychology); PSYC 3400 (Statistical Methods); a minimum of nine credits in advanced Psychology Department courses including PSYC 3400; and permission of the Chairperson
- 61 or more credits earned
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher

This is independent fieldwork (such as an internship) plus researching, reading, and writing 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 on a regular basis to produce a final report that must be submitted to the Department.

For the Registration Form, Click: [Registration Form for 5010 Series \(Independent Honors Fieldwork\)](#)

OPTION 2. Honors Credit in Regular Courses – This is to be arranged by the course instructor *together* with the student at the commencement of the semester. The application form may be obtained using this link [Registration Form for Regular Course with Honors](#) or from the Psychology Department office or the Psychology Department website, and needs written approval before the fifth week of the semester. See:

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/schools/naturalsciences/undergraduate/psychology/students/honors.php>

To be eligible to receive honors credit (that is, a grade with Honors) in a regular course, the student must do the following:

- (a) complete an application that is signed by the instructor/faculty advisor (by the fifth week of the semester)
- (b) complete all course requirements
- (c) receive an “A” or “B” in the course, where the letter grade assigned reflects the regular course work submitted by the student
- (d) complete an additional assignment (to be determined by the instructor) above and beyond the standard course requirements

For the Registration Form, Click: [Registration Form for Honors in a Regular Course](#)

* Then, the honors “H” notation is added only if the instructor judges that the additional work, as described in (d) above, is of honors quality.