

How does selection work?

- The Honours selection committee meets to discuss the candidates and tries to match candidates with either their first or second choice of supervisor
- The number of spaces in the program vary

How does this fit into my degree?

- The honours program is 6 credits on top of your 120 credits required for your BA in Psychology (hence you'll require 126 credits to graduate).
- The honours program is a writing-intensive course

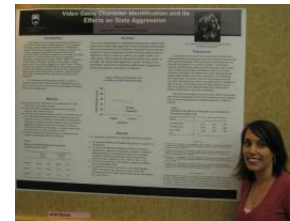
What have past students researched?

- A wide range of topics!
- You can find some old research posters in the psychology lab (AE 107) and around hallways in AE
- Talk to Honours professors to learn more about past research
- Visit <http://www.tru.ca/arts/psychology/> and click on *Our graduates* or *Student Success* for stories from former students



STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Attend an Honours Info session (talk to the Psychology Lab Technician for dates) or talk to your professors.



Psyc 4990: Honours Program in Psychology



This 6-credit course provides the opportunity for academically successful and motivated students to develop their research, writing and analytical skills, by designing and carrying out original research with the mentorship of a faculty member.

What will I do?

- Meet with your supervisor on a weekly basis
- Attend the Honours seminars (weekly or bi-weekly), checking in with fellow Honours students and guidance from the Honours Seminar supervisor on the research process
- Example of the research process:
 - Generate research ideas
 - Conduct a literature review to build a rationale for your hypothesis
 - Design an experiment to test your hypothesis
 - Write a research proposal and submit it to the TRU Ethics Board
 - Once approved, collect data from participants
 - Analyze your data using statistical software
 - Write your thesis (final report)
 - Defend your thesis
 - Present your research at a conference

How will I benefit?

- Distinguish yourself as a top student, making yourself very desirable to graduate schools and employers
- Gain hands-on experience conducting research
- Build friendships with other students in the Honours program
- Improve your written and oral communication skills through feedback from your mentor

- Improve your presentation skills through conference presentations and your thesis defence
- Arms you with computing and data analysis skills that are sought after by employers
- Builds valuable connections with a faculty member who can write excellent reference letters for you
- Possibility of getting your research published

Honours Supervisors:

- Dr. Catherine Ortner
- Dr. Jenni Karl
- Dr. Heather Price
- Dr. Michael Woloszyn
- Dr. Sandra Vermeulen

How do I choose a supervisor?

- Talk to your professors and find out:
 - What are their research interests?
 - How many students are they taking on?
 - What is the weekly time commitment they would expect from you?
- Consider
 - What is their supervision style
 - What former students have researched with them
- Look for areas of mutual research interests with potential supervisors
- Talk to previous Honours students about their experience with their supervisor

For more information on each Honours supervisor, please visit www.tru.ca/arts/psychology/faculty.html

What are the requirements to be eligible to apply for the Honours program?

- 3rd year psychology major
- “B” average in psychology 1110, 1210, 2100 and 2110
- Minimum grade of “B” in psychology 3610 or 3190
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in 3rd and 4th year courses

How do I apply?

- Application forms are posted on the psychology Bulletin board in front of AE 107 by March/April, or available from the Honours Info Sessions, or the Honours professors or Lab Technician
- the deadline is **April 30th**
- Forms must be submitted to the Honours Program Supervisor (currently Dr. Michael Woloszyn)

I don't meet the requirements...

- Fill out the application, and attach a letter to explain why you don't meet the requirements but would still excel in the Honours program
- Submit well in advance of April 30 and set up a meeting with the Honours Program Supervisor