



# Psychology Honours Program

PSYC  
5000 and 5010

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### Q: What is honours?

**A:** Those interested in further study and graduate school or who prefer more extensive research experience may augment their knowledge and skills by taking the research-focused Honours program in Psychology. The Honours program gives students a chance to develop and report on a research project under the supervision of a faculty member within the Psychology Department. The Honours program requires 12 credits (2 courses) in addition to\* the 120 required for a four-year Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Applied Arts Psychology degrees.\*BSc in Applied Psychology students can complete the Honours credits within their degree program.

### Q: Why do it?

**A:** Psychology graduates work in various roles such as: group home coordinator, behaviour analyst, residential youth counselor, loans officer, and customer relations representative, to list but a few examples. More specific careers in psychology (e.g., clinical or counselling psychology, experimental psychology) require further study at the graduate level and the Honours program is vital for admission to most Psychology graduate programs.

### Q: When do I need to start thinking about honours?

**A:** It is never too early to start thinking about Honours! By 3rd year it is useful to chat with potential advisors and to start planning when to take the prerequisites. Students must apply to the Honours program in the Spring of the year they intend to begin the program. The Honours program begins in the Fall.

### Q: What are the prerequisites?

**A:** To be admitted to the Honours program students must achieve and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3 and obtain a 'B+' grade in both PSYC 3300 (Advanced Statistics) and PSYC 3400 (Advanced Research Methods). Students must also obtain endorsement from a faculty member who will serve as their thesis advisor, and be recommended by the Psychology Honours selection committee. Most faculty are eager to supervise honours students and you can find a list of interested faculty on the Psychology Faculty website. <http://www.kpu.ca/arts/psychology/honours>

## Research Opportunities

Many psychology faculty members have ongoing research projects and a number of them run active research labs. Please feel free to contact the lab managers or visit: [www.kpu.ca/psychology](http://www.kpu.ca/psychology) to learn more about the research labs.



## Honours Theses

If you want to get a sense of the types of honours topics students investigate, please feel free to visit the site below. It contains the honours posters from the previous year.

Poster Fest of Honours Programs:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/kpupsychposterfest/>



## Psychology Honours Program: PSYC 5000 and PSYC 5010

### Faculty Research Interests:

- lifespan cognition; social cognition; theory of mind; hindsight bias; false memory
- culture, ethnicity, identity; gender issues; youth violence, gang involvement; applied/community social psychology
- human factors and ergonomics, especially traffic safety aviation; evolutionary psychology; sensation & perception, especially visual or olfactory perception
- human factors and environmental psychology
- political psychology, social cognition, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.
- mentoring; teaching and scholarship; abnormal/clinical psychology; faculty and student decision making; personality
- eyewitness memory and investigator decision making in forensic and industrial situations
- Industrial organizations, interpersonal relations, and testing
- visual perception, comparative psychology and artificial neural networks
- offender rehabilitation and treatment; offender reintegration; crime desistance
- human sexuality; developmental psychopathology; child and adolescent social-cognitive development
- cognitive; memory; perception; consciousness
- media, advertising, sexism, prejudice, attitudes and persuasion, psychology of sustainability, interpersonal relationships, group dynamics
- positive psychology; violence; cultural psychology; learning strategies

Please note the list above does not cover all of the areas for the honours program. We are open to other topics of interest.