

Join the Honors Program in the PBS Department!

What is the PBS Department Honors Program?

The Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences (PBS) hosts a departmental Honors Program. The intention of the PBS Honors Program is to provide additional opportunities for motivated students enrolled in the Department's majors. Enrollment in the PBS program is by application to the department, and is based upon academic achievement (GPA).

This is not the same Honors Program offered by the College of Letters & Science. More information about the College's Honors Program can be found on their website: www.duels.ucsb.edu/honors. Students are welcome to join both programs, yet they would need to enroll separately in each program. All PBS honors courses may be applied toward the Letters & Science Honors Program.

What are the benefits of joining the PBS Honors Program?

- The Honors Program provides an opportunity for qualified students to pursue a more challenging and in-depth study of psychology.
- Honors courses are restricted in size and provide a level of discussion and participation not possible in traditional lecture courses.
- The Honors Program can help prepare you for graduate training; honors students can conduct independent research under the supervision of a faculty advisor.
- The Honors Program gives you the opportunity to write a senior thesis, which students submit before the end of their senior year. Students who complete an honors thesis with at least a 3.5GPA are eligible for distinction in the major.
- The Honors Program allows you to form relationships with PBS faculty and research staff.

What courses will I enroll in as a PBS Honors Program student?

Psychology 90ABC: Seminar for specially selected students usually in their sophomore year. Seminar involves reading and discussion of selected topics in psychology. Applications are distributed via the electronic mailing list in Spring Quarter. *Prerequisite: 3.5GPA and PBS approval.*

Psychology 196: Advanced seminar designed for Psychology and Biopsychology students in their junior year. Eligible students are identified during Winter Quarter and informed about the application process. See the Undergraduate Advisor if you are not notified and would like to apply.

Prerequisite: 3.5GPA and PBS approval

Psychology 197ABC: Senior independent study under the supervision of a Faculty member. The series includes design and execution of an independent research project with scholarly analysis, as well as critique of substantial issues and research written in APA format. The final thesis is approved by two Faculty readers.

Prerequisites: PSY 196, two quarters of PSY 99/99P or PSY 199/199P (one for transfer students), and PBS approval.

Want more information?

www.psych.ucsb.edu/undergrad/honors-program-0

PBS Advisors will send out applications for the program via email.

PSY 196 applications are sent out during the Winter. PSY 90ABC applications are sent out in Spring.