

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.
- 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 197A-B-C: 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. Students who write a thesis can also potentially have it published (with the aid of their Faculty advisor). The final thesis is approved by two Faculty readers.

Prerequisites: Completion of at least 3 UD PSY courses, minimum UD PSY GPA of 3.5, full major status, and an agreement with a faculty mentor who will supervise the honors project.

Want more information?

PBS Advisors will send out applications for the program via email. For any additional questions, please email advising@psych.ucsb.edu.