



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

Instructions: Submit as a Word or PDF document. Make sure your application package is complete - incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name:

Date:

Student #:

Address:

Postal Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

**** Honours application deadline dates****

January 3, May 1, September 1

I. HONOURS PROGRAMME: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

1. Please include a copy of your OFFICIAL academic transcript with your Honours application (an unofficial transcript or degree audit will not be accepted.) Before submitting your application, you must ask your proposed thesis supervisor to initial your transcript, confirming that your overall academic average is 70% or above, and that your overall Psychology average is 75% or above. You must maintain averages above these minimal criteria to remain in the programme.
2. This program entails completion of PSYC 4800 (Honours Literature Review), PSYC4810 (Origins and Contexts of Psychological Thought and Practice), and PSYC 4900 (Honours Research). PSYC 4810 is offered in the Fall semester *only*. Your supervisor will outline the specific requirements for PSYC 4800 and 4900 as they pertain to your thesis.
3. Honours Theses will be defended in an oral exam before the student's "Examining Committee". This committee consists of the student's supervisor plus a second faculty member from the UPEI Department of Psychology, and a third member who might be from:
 - the UPEI Department of Psychology
 - an "external" from another department, or
 - a professional from the community.In cases where a student is co-supervised, both supervisors will be on the committee but they will share one vote. The selection of the committee and when it is constituted will be determined by the supervisor in consultation with the student.
4. Details of the structure of the Honours defense may vary, but the general format includes: a brief presentation of the thesis by the student, followed by two or more rounds of questions, starting with the external. After all questions from the Examining Committee have been answered, the student is excused while the committee determines a number grade. The student is then informed of the result of the defence and of any revisions required before a grade is submitted.

II TIMETABLE

List the anticipated dates for starting and completing:

	Start	Complete
4800 Honours lit review (6 semester hours)	_____	_____
4900 Honours thesis (6 semester hours)	_____	_____

III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION & THESIS PROPOSAL

1. Describe your reasons for choosing to apply for an Honours Degree in Psychology? How does the Psychology Honours Degree fit into your future plans (e.g., graduate school)?

2. On a separate sheet, please provide a brief (300-500 word) thesis proposal. This should be completed in consultation with your proposed supervisor and reflect an agreed upon thesis project. This proposal must include:
 - a. the objectives of the proposed research project. What is the proposed research looking to find, demonstrate, or accomplish? What is the student hoping to learn?
 - b. the present state of knowledge. The proposal should reflect the latest theories and research, provide a brief overview, suggest possible contributions such work could make, and include references or a working bibliography.
 - c. a research plan. Although the research process often evolves, it is important to have a working research plan in place before work begins.

IV HONOURS THESIS AGREEMENT

By signing below, the student agrees to work toward fulfilling the requirements for an Honours Degree in Psychology under the guidance of the undersigned faculty member.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing below, the faculty member is indicating that they have read and approved the thesis proposal (as indicated in III-2 above), and that the student meets the Honours grade requirements for admission. Normally, the proposed supervisor will be available to speak to the proposal during departmental review. Should that not be possible, the proposed supervisor will make arrangements with a colleague who will be able to respond to questions. If approved by the Psychology Department, the faculty member agrees to supervise the student's thesis, provided the student remains in good standing in the Psychology Honours program.

Proposed Thesis supervisor's signature: _____

Date: _____