

Honors Program in Psychology

What does obtaining honors in psychology involve?

- Completion of all university honors requirements
 - o HON 301 (1 credit pass/fail)
 - o HON 401 (4 credits)
 - o HON 402 (2 credits)
 - o minimum GPA of 3.3 (3.5 in the field of honors)
- Development of a novel research hypothesis (i.e., not previously conducted) that would make a contribution to the psychological literature
- A written project proposal outlining the study rationale, proposed method, and hypothesized results
- Completion of an oral defense of the proposed research (attended by the honors committee – thesis advisor and two secondary faculty readers)
- Submission and acceptance of the research by the Oglethorpe Internal Review Board (IRB)
- Data collection
- Data analysis using SPSS
- A final thesis paper outlining the background literature, study rationale, method, results, and discussion
- Completion of an oral defense of the completed research (attended by the honors committee – thesis advisor and two secondary faculty readers)

Timeline for Honors in Psychology

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

- Secure a thesis supervisor
- Enroll/Apply to the honors program
- Take HON 301 (can be taken in the Fall or Spring of Junior year)
- Begin reading literature and refining ideas

Spring

- Take HON 301 (can be taken in the Fall or Spring of Junior year)
- Write project proposal
- Submit to IRB
- Complete oral defense of proposal

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

- Take HON 401
- Collect data

Spring

- Take HON 402
- Finish data collection
- Analyze data
- Write final thesis paper
- Complete oral defense of research