

Eligibility for Psychology Honour's Program (Psy 472/473) (website version)

The BA and BSc Honour's Programs are designed for high-performing students interested in pursuing graduate studies in Psychology or related fields. **In 2026, we are implementing a new procedure for admitting Honours Students.** This year, we will accept *two* cohorts of students. The first cohort will follow the previous guidelines, which are detailed immediately below. The second cohort will follow new guidelines, which are detailed after the existing guidelines.

EXISTING ADMISSION CRITERIA

In the past, students have applied at the end of their third year for entrance the following fall. This year, we will accept applications from these students *as normal*. The following entrance criteria apply (these have not changed):

1. Students must have completed at least 60 CUs (i.e., 20 courses) by the deadline for admission (May 1)
2. Students must have a cumulative weighted average of **80% in all psychology courses. (No exceptions are made to this stipulation.)**
3. Students must have a cumulative weighted average of **70% overall, including all courses attempted. (No exceptions are made to this stipulation.)**
4. Students must have completed at least one Psychology 300-level A course (PSY 315, 317, 323, 325, 347, 355) and one Psychology 300-level B course (PSY 316, 318, 324, 326, 348, 356) prior to the start of the Honour's course (472.3/473.3). **These pre-requisites will not be waived.**
5. It is critical that each Honour's student find their own supervisor. Start this process early (e.g., January), as some faculty may be on sabbatical, others may not wish to supervise students, and some may have committed already to supervising one or more students. Please note that the supervisor does not have to be a member of the Department of Psychology. In the past, Honours students have been supervised by faculty from Sociology, Anthropology, the College of Medicine, Kinesiology, etc. As well, faculty from STM may be willing to serve as supervisors. Finally, advanced graduate students may serve as co-supervisors. However, under such circumstances, a faculty member must agree to serve as the principal supervisor. **Note that your proposed supervisor must sign the departmental application.**
6. Enrollment in the course will be capped at 30 students. Thus, it is possible to have met all of the preceding criteria, but still not be admitted to the course. In the case that more than 30 qualified students apply, the top 30, ranked according to their Psychology GPA, will be admitted.

There are two steps to applying to the Honour's Program:

Step 1: You must apply to the College of Arts and Science by **May 1** at the following link:

[Request Form - A&S Honours Application](#)

Step 2: You must complete the departmental application form on the following page by **May 1** and forward it to: psychology.department@usask.ca If you have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the current Undergraduate Chair of Psychology (Dr. Valerie Thompson valerie.thompson@usask.ca.)

NEW ADMISSION CRITERIA

Starting in May, 2026 and going forward, students will be admitted at the end of their 2nd year. The following admission criteria apply:

1. Students must have completed at least 54 CUs (i.e., 18 courses) by the deadline for admission (May 1) and must complete 60 CU (i.e., 20 courses) prior to beginning their third-year courses (bullet 4 below).
2. Students must have a cumulative weighted average of **80% in all psychology courses** at the time of application **and maintain this average throughout their program. No exceptions are made to this stipulation.**
3. Students must have a cumulative weighted average of **70% overall, including all courses attempted** at the time of application **and maintain this average throughout their program. No exceptions are made to this stipulation.**
4. Students must have completed 60 CUs by September 1 prior to beginning their third-year courses including: PSY 120.3, PSY 121.3, PSY 233.3, PSY 234.3, and PSY 235.3 and an additional 6 credit units of senior (200-level or above) PSY. **These pre-requisites will not be waived.**
5. Prior to registration in 472.3 or 473.3, students must also have completed at least one Psychology 300-level A course (PSY 315, 317, 323, 325, 347, 355) and one Psychology 300-level B course (PSY 316, 318, 324, 326, 348, 356). **Honour's students will be given priority to register in these courses.** Students will be notified when permissions become available. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are enrolled before the priority time has elapsed. **These pre-requisites will not be waived.**
6. It is critical that each Honour's student find their own supervisor. You must have identified a supervisor no later than May 1 of the year you intend to register in either 472.3 or 473.3. Start this process early (e.g., January), as some faculty may be on sabbatical, others may not wish to supervise students, and some may have committed already to supervising one or more students. Please note that the supervisor does not have to be a member of the Department of Psychology. In the past, Honours students have been supervised by faculty from Sociology, Anthropology, the College of Medicine, Kinesiology, etc. As well, faculty from STM may be willing to serve as supervisors. Finally, advanced graduate students may serve as co-supervisors. However, under such circumstances, a faculty member must agree to serve as the principal supervisor. **Note that your proposed supervisor must sign the departmental application.**

7. Enrollment in PSY 472.3/473.3 will be capped at 30 students. Thus, it is possible to have met all of the preceding criteria, but still not be admitted to the course. Applications will be ranked according to Psychology GPA. We will accept most of the students after they have completed their second year in May each year. We will leave room for people to apply at the end of their third year to bring the total in the class to 30. Those who apply at the end of their third year will need to meet all of the eligibility criteria, including completion of a 300-level A and B course detailed in section 6 above. Again, selection will be based on Psychology GPA. Those who had been accepted the previous year do not need to reapply.

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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS APPLICATION INFO SHEET

Please provide the requested information in the table below.

Submit to psychology.department@usask.ca by May 1.

Student Name	
Student ID	
Email Address	
Specify Degree (BA or BSc)	
Current Average in Psych Courses	
Current Average in non-Psych Courses	
Supervisor Name (not needed if you applying after second year)	
Supervisor Signature	
Student Signature	
Date	

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