

PSYCHOLOGY: DETAILED HONOURS PROGRAM TIMELINE

This timeline provides an overview of the key milestones, deadlines, and responsibilities for students considering or completing the Psychology Honours Program. It is intended to help students plan from their early years of study through completion of the Honours research project. Students should use this timeline alongside the official Honours admission criteria, degree requirements, and departmental registration information.

Note: This timeline illustrates the typical four-year pathway, with application to the Honours Program at the end of Year 2. Students applying later or completing their degree on a different schedule should follow the annual deadlines and consult the Department about their remaining requirements.

Years 1–2: Preparing for Honours

During your first two years, focus on building a strong academic record and completing the courses required for admission.

Key Tasks

- Complete the required first- and second-year Psychology courses [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 courses to prepare for application to the Honours Program.
- Complete at least 54 credit units by the May 1 application deadline and at least 60 credit units by September 1. Students with 54–59 credit units at the time of application must complete the remaining credit units during the Spring and/or Summer terms.
- Maintain:
 - A Major Average of 80% or higher
 - A Cumulative Weighted Average of 70% or higher
- Begin exploring areas of psychology that interest you.
- Develop relationships with faculty members whose research interests and preferred approaches align with your own.

Spring of Second Year:

You will apply to the Honours Program by May 1, following the end of your second year. If accepted into the Honours Program, you must fill out a Class Permissions Request Form and register for Open Courses and any Temporarily Restricted Courses you intend to take according to the steps outlined below.

Apply to Honours

Key Tasks

- Review the Honours Admission Requirements: see the ‘Forms, Student Guides, and Resources’ area of the department website: [Department Website](#).

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- Complete the College of Arts and Science Honours Application by 11:59 p.m. Saskatchewan time on May 1: [A&S Honours Application](#)
- Monitor your email closely for program admission decisions. Students admitted to the Honours Program in Psychology will need to fill out a Class Permissions Request Form to gain Priority Registration Access to Temporarily Restricted Courses.

Receive Acceptance Decision

Applicants will receive application results by May 15 annually.

Key Tasks

- Monitor your email for admission decisions.
- If you have not heard about your status by May 15, email the Undergraduate Chair and Office Coordinator for an update on your application: jan.gelech@usask.ca; psychology.department@usask.ca

Accepted Honours students: Submit your Class Permissions Request Form

The Department provides admitted Honours students with Priority Registration Access to select 300-level Lab Courses and 400-level Seminar Courses designated as Temporarily Restricted Courses. Students must request and receive this authorization through the Class Permissions Request Form process.

Note: Only request permission to enrol in the Temporarily Restricted Courses you intend to take in the coming academic year – you will fill out a new Class Permissions Request Form for future years.

Honours students must complete and submit their Class Permissions Request Form by May 25 annually. Honours students who fail to submit the form by this deadline cannot be guaranteed Priority Registration Access to Temporarily Restricted Courses.

Key Tasks

- Access the Class Permissions Request Form from the ‘Forms, Student Guides, and Resources’ area of the department website: [Department Website](#)
- Review your degree requirements.
- Complete and submit the Class Permissions Request Form by May 25 at 11:59 p.m. Saskatchewan time.
- Watch for an email from the Department outlining the Temporarily Restricted Courses for which you have been provided permission to register.
- If you have not received an email regarding your class permissions by June 4 or the following business day, please contact the Department (psychology.department@usask.ca) and the Undergraduate Chair (jan.gelech@usask.ca).

Accepted Honours students: Register for Open Courses, Temporarily Restricted Courses, and Permission-Required Research Courses (if applicable)

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Honours students must register in Temporarily Restricted Courses for which they have received Priority Registration Access according to their Individual Registration Access Date and Time and before June 20, or the following business day, when remaining seats open to all Psychology and Health Studies majors.

Honours students who do not register before Temporarily Restricted Courses open to all Psychology and Health Studies majors may be unable to enrol, as remaining seats become available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Honours students must also register in any desired Open Courses and, if applicable, PSY 472.6 (B.A. Honours Thesis Course) or PSY 473.6 (B.Sc. Honours Thesis Course) according to their Individual Registration Access Date and Time. These Permission-Required Research Courses always require departmental permission and do not open for general registration.

Key Tasks

- Beginning in mid-May, log into PAWS and view your Individual Registration Access Date and Time.
 - PAWS → Registration and Classes → Register for Classes → View Your Status
- Review your degree requirements.
- On your Individual Registration Access Date and Time, register for classes as soon as possible.
- If you are unable to register in any Temporarily Restricted Courses for which you have been granted permission, contact the Department (psychology.department@usask.ca) or the Undergraduate Chair (jan.gelech@usask.ca) immediately.
- Confirm your degree requirements and schedule before Temporarily Restricted Courses open to all Psychology and Health Studies majors (June 20 or the following business day, annually). Classes will fill quickly, and the Department cannot guarantee Priority Registration Access or timely degree progression if Honours students fail to adhere to the registration processes and timeline outlined herein.

Third Year: Advanced Coursework and Honours Research Planning

Your third year focuses primarily on advanced Psychology coursework and preparing for your Honours thesis.

Key Tasks

- Complete required 300-level courses according to degree requirements.
- Maintain the required Cumulative Weighted Average of at least 70% and Major Average of at least 80% (see Honours Continuation Requirements in the Psychology Honours Program Information).
 - Remember: Continuation eligibility is assessed annually using students' Major Averages and Cumulative Weighted Averages as of May 1. The Department completes its administrative review between May 1 and May 30, following receipt of the relevant records from UGSO. Students whose Major Average is below 80% or whose Cumulative Weighted Average is below 70% will be withdrawn from the Psychology Honours Program and will not be eligible to register in PSY 472.6 or PSY 473.6.
- Begin thinking about possible Honours research topics.
- Attend faculty presentations, departmental seminars, or research and networking events.
- Begin identifying potential research supervisors.

Winter of Third Year: Secure a Research Supervisor

One of the most important milestones in the Psychology Honours Program is securing a research supervisor.

Key Tasks

- Contact potential research supervisors. Consider both topic fit (your areas of interest) and methodological alignment (how you want to investigate your topic).
- Meet with faculty members to discuss possible research projects.
- Refine your research interests.
- Reach out to the current Honours Program Coordinators for guidance if you are experiencing difficulties locating a research supervisor.
- Confirm supervision via email.

Students are strongly encouraged to begin contacting potential research supervisors early, ideally during the Winter Term of Year 3. Students must secure a research supervisor by May 25 of the year they intend to enrol in PSY 472.6 or PSY 473.6. The student must name the research supervisor in the Class Permissions Request Form (due May 25 annually) and confirm they have agreed to supervise the thesis before the student will be permitted to register in PSY 472.6 or PSY 473.6.

Spring of Third Year: Preparing to Register in PSY 472.6 or PSY 473.6

Submit your Class Permissions Request Form

Honours students must submit the Class Permissions Request Form each year to request Priority Registration Access to Temporarily Restricted Courses and departmental permission to enrol in Permission-Required Research Courses for the coming academic year. PSY 472.6 and PSY 473.6 always require departmental permission and do not open for general registration.

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Fourth Year: Complete Your Degree Requirements, Honours Thesis Course, and Honours Research Project

Key Tasks

- Meet with an Arts and Science advisor to make sure you are on pace to graduate.
- Complete PSY 472.6 (B.A. Honours Thesis Course) or PSY 473.6 (B.Sc. Honours Thesis Course) during the academic year for which permission was granted. Deferrals require written approval from the Undergraduate Chair.
- Meet regularly with your research supervisor.
- Design and conduct your Honours research project.
- Complete all required coursework for PSY 472.6 or PSY 473.6.
- Prepare and submit your Honours thesis.
- Complete degree requirements for graduation.