Purpose of Hon. Specialization BA Module: To provide a thorough grounding in the principles of Psychology for students who may wish to pursue graduate training in Psychology and for students who prefer a more research-intensive approach to the study of Psychology than is provided under either the Major or Minor programs in Psychology. This module focuses broadly on biological, social, and psychological foundations of behavior.

FIRST YEAR Requirements:

To be eligible for admission to the Honors Specialization in Psychology program - BA, students must complete 5.0 first-year courses by May 1, with no failures, and must have an average of at least 75% in 3.0 principal courses, with no mark in these principal courses below 60% (however, because this is a competitive program, the cut-off average is usually above the minimum of 75%). 2.0 of the principal courses must include the Psychology and Mathematics courses listed below. The 1.0 additional principal course will be any course, other than Psychology or Mathematics, in which the student receives the highest final mark.

1.0 course from: Psychology 1000 (or the former 1200)
1.0 course from: Calculus 1000A/B, 1100A/B, 1301A/B, 1500A/B, 1501A/B or the former Linear Algebra 1600A/B, Mathematics 0110A/B, 1225A/B, 1228A/B, 1229A/B, 1600A/B, Applied Mathematics 1201A/B, Statistical Sciences 1024A/B.

SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH YEAR Module Requirements:

- 2.0 courses: Psychology 2800E and 2810 (must be taken prior to all 3000+ level courses)
- 0.5 course from: Psychology 2100-2299 series.
- 0.5 course from: Psychology 2300-2799 series.
- 0.5 course: Psychology 3800F/G (must be taken prior to Thesis Course)
- 0.5 Research course from: Psychology 3184F/G, 3185F/G, 3285F/G, 3485F/G, 3485F/G, 3580F/G, 3780F/G, 3840F (must be taken prior to Thesis Course)
- 0.5 course from: Psychology 3100-3299 (exclud. Research courses above)
- 0.5 course from: Psychology 3300-3799 (exclud. Research courses above)
- 1.0 course from: Psychology 2000-3999 (exclud. Research courses above)
- 1.0 course from: Psychology 3000-4999 (exclud. Research courses above)
- 0.5 course from: Psychology 4000-4995
- 0.5 course from: Psychology 2100-4999
- 1.0 course: Psychology 4850E (Thesis Course)

CAUTION: If you are fulfilling your 2nd year Statistics requirement in the Psychology Hon. Spec. B.A. module with a 2nd year Statistics course taught in another department that is antirequisite to Psychology 2810 (Statistics for Psychology), then you MUST replace it with 1.0 credits in Psychology 2100 and Psychology 2810.

YEAR 1
1. Psych 1000 (or the former 1200)
2. Mathematics
3. Electives or Other
4. Electives or Other
5. Electives or Other

YEAR 2, 3 and 4
6. Psych 2800E
7. Psych 2810
8. Psy 2100-2299 + Psy 2300-2799
9. Electives or Other Module
10. Electives or Other Module
11. Psy3800F/G + Psy “Res. In”
12. Psy 3100-3299 + Psy 3300-3799
13. Psych 2000-3999
14. Electives or Other Module
15. Electives or Other Module

16. Psych 4850E (Thesis)
17. Psych 3000-4999
18. Psy 4000-4995 + Psy 2100-4999
19. Electives or Other Module
20. Electives or Other Module
You need 9.0 credits in Second Year and above Psychology courses for the Psychology Hon. Spec B.A.

**Subsidiary Courses:** 6.0 **other** courses. If you are also doing a module in another subject area, then that module’s courses would be amongst these 6.0 courses. Depending on which other module you plan on completing, you may be able to take additional Psychology courses outside of the 9.0 minimum required by the Psychology Honors Specialization B.A. Module. See first “**Note**” below.

**Progression Requirements:** Students who are enrolled in a Psychology Honors Specialization module must maintain a minimum modular average of 75% with no mark below 60% to progress in the module.

**Late Entrance Requirements:** Students who wish to enter this module after Years 2 or 3 must have a minimum cumulative average of 75% in their last 10.0 courses, with no Psychology course mark below 60%. **However,** because this is a competitive program, the cut-off entry average is usually several percentages above the minimum of 75%.

You are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of your program.

**NOTE:** No more than 14.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements. If taking more than 10.0 courses in Psychology (including the first year Psych 1000), students need to consider the impact this may have on their plans for a major or minor in other subject areas.

**NOTE:** The Honors programs in Psychology have **limited** enrolment. In cases where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, entry into the program will be competitive; students who meet the minimum requirements may be refused admission.

Please note that this is the Psychology component of your degree only. For information on complete degree requirements, please refer to the official Western Academic Calendar.

**All degrees require 1.0 Social Science course (A), 1.0 Arts & Humanities course (B), 1.0 Science course (C) and 2.0 essay courses.**