Academic Choices – 20.0 Course Program

HONORS SPECIALIZATION B.Sc.
in PSYCHOLOGY

10.0 Course Module CHECKLIST

Purpose of Hon. BSc. 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 on the biological foundations of behavior, with courses primarily in the areas of neuroscience, cognition, sensation, and perception.

FIRST YEAR Requirements:
To be eligible for admission to the Honors Specialization Program-BSc, 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%). The principal courses must include 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 1201A/B, the former Linear Algebra 1600A/B, Mathematics 1225A/B, 1228A/B, 1229A/B, 1600A/B; Applied Mathematics 1201A/B, 1413, Statistical Sciences 1024A/B, or the former Mathematics 030; 1.0 course from Biology 1001A or 1201A and Biology 1002B or 1202B; or the former Biology 1222 or Biology 1223; 1.0 course from Chemistry 1301A/B, 1302A/B or the former Chemistry 1020, 1050, 1100A/B, or 1200B, Computer Science 1025A/B, 1026A/B, 1027A/B, Physics 1028A/B, 1029A/B, 1301A/B, 1302A/B, 1501A/B and 1502A/B, or the former Physics 1020, 1024.

To determine eligibility for admission to the Honors program, the third principal course will be the 1.0 Science course in which the student receives the highest mark.

SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH YEAR: Module Requirements
[2] 2.0 courses: Psychology 2800E and 2810 (taken prior to all 3000+ level courses)
[1] 1.0 course in Science/Basic Medical Sciences numbered 2100+.
(CAUTION: you need at least 2.0 Science/Basic Medical Sciences courses at the 2100+ level. See first NOTE on next page regarding the 2nd science course [1.0] that is outside of and in addition to the 1.0 science course that is mentioned above)
[0.5] 0.5 course: Psychology 3800F/G (must be taken prior to Thesis Course)
[0.5] “Research In” course from: Psychology 3184F/G, 3185F/G, 3285F/G, 3485F/G (Research course must be taken prior to Thesis Course)
[1] 1.0 course from: Psychology 2300-2799 series
[1] 1.0 +1.0 courses in Science/Basic Medical Sciences numbered 2100+ (see NOTE below)
[1] 1.0 course: Psychology 4850E or 4851E
[1] 1.0 course from: Psychology 3300-3899 series
[0.5] 0.5 course from: Psychology 4100-4995 series (excluding 4850E)
[0.5] 0.5 course from: Psychology 2000-4999

YEAR 1
1. Psych 1000 (or the former 1200)
2. Mathematics
3. Biology
4. Science (Chem, Physics or CompSci)
5. Electives

YEAR 2, 3 and 4
6. Psych 2800
7. Psych 2810
8. Psy 2115/2134/2135/2210/2220 or 2221
9. 1st Science 2100+ / Science 2100+
10. Electives or Other Module
11. Psych 3800F/G / Psych “Res. In”
12. Psychology 2300-2799
13. Psychology 3130-3140, 3209-3230, 3440-3444
14. 2nd Science 2100+ / Science 2100+
15. Electives or Other Module
16. Psych 4850E or 4851E
17. Psychology 3300-3899
18. Psychology 4100-4995 + Psych 2000-4999
19. Electives or Other Module
20. Electives or Other Module

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CAUTION: If you are fulfilling your 2nd year Statistics requirement in the Psychology Hon. Spec. BSc. 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 Psychology credits numbered 2100 or higher. To clarify, the Psychology Hon. Spec BSc. module requires a minimum of 9.0 Psychology credits at the Senior Level (2000 and higher).

**Subsidiary Courses:** 5.0 courses outside your module, and amongst which a minimum of 1.0 courses must be in an area other than Psychology.

**Progression Requirements:** Students who are enrolled in a Psychology Honors Specialization program must maintain a minimum modular average of 75% with no Psychology module course 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 Hon. Spec. B.Sc. modular 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:** You need at least 2.0 Science/Basic Med Science courses at the 2100 and above level – 1.0 is within this Psychology module, and the other 1.0 can be done as an elective course or as part of another module. In other words, in order to satisfy graduation requirements for an Honors Bachelor of Science degree, students are required to take, **outside of and in addition to** the 1.0 Science/Basic Med Science course that is part of the Psychology Honors Specialization B.Sc. module, an additional 1.0 Science/Basic Med Science course at the 2100 level or above. **Again, you need at least 2.0 Science/Basic Med Science courses at the 2100 and above level – 1.0 is within this Psychology module, and the other 1.0 can be done as an elective course or as part of another module**


**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. So if a student is taking more than 10.0 courses in Psychology (including the first year Psych 1000), the student needs to consider the impact this may have on her/his plans for a major or minor in another subject area.

**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.