



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY Honors Program 2016-2017 Instructor: Dr. Lorin Lachs

The Department of Psychology Honors Program offers an opportunity for highly qualified, advanced psychology students to (1) work individually with a faculty mentor on an original research project, (2) sharpen their critical thinking, research, and writing skills, and (3) explore and prepare for advanced career paths in psychology and related fields. The honors program is designed to be a stimulating and exciting experience for a select group of our best psychology students. It is not limited to students who intend to attend graduate school in psychology and related fields. All psychology majors, regardless of their professional goals, are encouraged to apply.

In Fall 2016, students accepted into the program will enroll in Psychology 183A (3 units). This course is taught like a graduate seminar, in which we will actively discuss issues related to many areas of psychology. During the fall semester, students also meet regularly with their faculty mentor to plan their research projects. Students report on their progress during weekly class meetings and by the end of the semester turn in a written project proposal. In Spring 2017, honors students will enroll in Psychology 183B (3 units), during which we will focus on carrying out the research project. **Also during the spring semester, students enroll in 2 units of Psychology 199 (honors thesis-independent research) with their faculty mentor**, which provides the time for them to actually carry out their projects. Late in the spring semester, students present their projects at the Honors Research Symposium and turn in their completed honors theses.

Admission to the Honors Program is competitive. Initial acceptance is based on successful completion of all enrolled courses including at least an 'A' in Psychology 144. The six requirements for applying to the program are:

- At least 18 units completed in psychology.
- A psychology GPA of at least 3.0.
- An overall GPA of at least 3.0 for the past two years.
- A statement of purpose.
- A written endorsement from a faculty member who has agreed to supervise your research project.
- A written recommendation from a second faculty member.

Application materials and a more complete description of the program are available from the Department of Psychology office (S2 312) or can be requested by email at llachs@csufresno.edu. All materials are due in the psychology office by 5pm on May 4, 2016.