

# Honors in Psychology

**ACTION:** Department policy recommended revision to the requirements for Departmental Honors in Psychology (BA & BS Programs) at the Faculty Meeting on April 20, 2018

Vote: Yes (18), No (0), Abstain (0)

**PREVIOUS:** Department policy previously revised September 23, 2011

## **Rationale:**

While retaining the concept that Departmental Honors in Psychology ought to require both Tests and Measures and the Intermediate Statistics course as well as an additional in-depth research experience, the requirement that there be a particular subset GPA seems unnecessary.

## **Policy:**

Students requesting departmental honors in psychology (BA or BS in Psychology) will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- (1) a minimum GPA of 3.5 averaged across all of the students psychology/statistics course work (may choose to exclude STAT 95);
- (2) completion of BOTH PSYC 117 and STAT 115, and at least one PSYC 121 course
- (3) evidence of distinguished scholarly work, as indicated by the completion of one of:
  - a. a BA thesis (PSYC 199),
  - b. the honors seminar (PSYC 195), or
  - c. Faculty supervised work leading to a published paper or to a first author presentation or poster at an appropriate (regional or national) professional meeting (e.g., the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association).