

Honours Eligibility and Application Process 2024-2025

DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Application Deadline:

The deadline is **May 10th, 2024**.

All Students:

For acceptance into the Honours Program, **all students** require:

- B+ in NESC/PSYO 2000* (Note: B required for students who started at Dal prior to Fall 2019).
**NESC 2000 is equivalent to NESC 2007.*
- An A- average in the last **six** (not counting 1000-level or NESC/PSYO 2000*) PSYO or NESC courses (see next page for further instructions on which courses count as part of the six).
- A supervisor to agree to supervise their Honours (and email the Psychology or Neuroscience honours coordinator confirming their willingness to supervise the student. This serves as the supervisor's "signature" on the honours form). Primary, adjunct and cross-listed faculty in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience are all eligible to supervise. With permission of the Honours Coordinator, faculty from other departments or universities may be eligible, as long as the project has a focus on Psychology or Neuroscience and external faculty member is approved by the honours coordinator. Students must apply for external faculty member to be approved as a supervisor through the honours coordinator by April 19th of 2024.

Some other requirements govern remaining in the program and graduation. None of these need to be met to apply to the program.

- A minimum grade of B- is required in 4901 (fall term of honours) in order to continue into 4902 (winter term of honours).
- To graduate with honours, courses that are counted towards the Honours program requirements must have a minimum grade of C. This is a university level requirement.
- To graduate with honours, students must also complete all departmental requirements for the Honours programs, which are found in the following academic calendar sections: [NESC Concentrated Honours](#), [NESC Combined Honours](#), [PSYO Concentrated Honours](#), [PSYO Combined Honours](#)

Please see below for information on admission for transfer students and for students returning to Dalhousie. Applications from students who have been on exchange will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Requirements for Previous Dalhousie Students (Honours Conversion):

Students can apply to complete an Honours Conversion after the end of their Dalhousie Psychology/Neuroscience degree (BA or BSc). Please note that **only courses taken within the last 10 years** can be considered towards admission into an Honours conversion and only students with psychology or neuroscience degrees from Dalhousie are eligible.

For admission to Dalhousie, students must consult with the Registrar's Office about returning as a special undergraduate student. It is not possible to complete a degree at another university and simply do an "Honours Conversion" at Dalhousie.

Requirements for Transfer Students:

Students transferring from other institutions are required to complete **one full year** (i.e., fall and winter term) of study at Dalhousie and to accumulate **six** (or more) one term 2000/3000/4000-level Dalhousie Psychology/Neuroscience classes before seeking admission to the Honours Program. They must also obtain credit for all Honours prerequisites.

It is HIGHLY recommended that any transfer student interested in the Honours program contact a Departmental Academic Advisor as soon as possible (ideally, before transferring) to ensure they have (or will have) all necessary requirements.

CALCULATING THE A- AVERAGE IN THE LAST SIX COURSES

As long as you have received the required grade in **NESC/PSYO 2000*** (see Deadlines and Requirements) and have secured an approved supervisor, admittance into the Honours program requires an A- average in program courses.

Using the table below, an A- would be **zero**, and you need 0 or higher for acceptance. For example, if your last six counted courses were B+, A-, A, B, A+, A, you would be admitted (assuming you have a supervisor) because $(-1) + 0 + 1 + (-2) + 2 + 1 = 1$.

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D
Numerical Conversion	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7

Which courses are counted?

- The six most recent NESC or PSYO courses (excluding 1000-level and NESC/PSYO 2000*) are used to calculate the average (count backwards from **winter term** of application cycle).
 - For NESC students, the six most recent NESC (excluding 1000-level and NESC/PSYO 2000*) are used to calculate the average. For NESC students, **BIOL 2020** is included because it's a required course.
 - For PSYO students, the six most recent PSYO (excluding 1000-level and NESC/PSYO 2000*) are used to calculate the average.

- For both NESC and PSYO students, any cross-listed NESC/PSYO courses 'count' as either PSYO or NESC.
- Multi-term courses spanning two terms (i.e., 3100/3101; 3011/3012) will be counted as two of these six (e.g., a grade of A in Independent Research (3100/3101) would count as two A's).
- Summer courses count in all of these calculations, as long as they were completed prior to the application deadline. Summer courses taken the summer before a September start of honours **cannot** be considered, as grades are not available when students apply to the honours program.
- If there is more than one course that **can** count within the same semester, the course with the higher grade will be used.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

In Psychology & Neuroscience, students first apply to the **Department** (STEP 1). After acceptance has been processed, students will work with the Honours Coordinators to complete the formal application form for the **Registrar's Office** (STEP 2).

STEP 1. Department Application:

Students apply to the program to the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience for admission through an ONLINE MS Forms application that is specific to psychology or neuroscience.

The forms will **OPEN** on **April 19, 2024**, and **CLOSE** on **May 10th, 2024**. This is a firm deadline and failure to apply by this deadline may result in denied admission. Wait until you have received your Winter 2024 grades before applying.

Please note that there is no 'cap' to the number of students admitted, although the number in the program is limited by the ability to find a supervisor.

The form requires students to provide the following information:

- Student name, ID number, email
- Honours program type (e.g., NESC Concentrated Honours, NESC Combined Honours, PSYO Concentrated Honours, PSYO Combined Honours)
- Name of confirmed supervisor
 - Supervisors **CANNOT** confirm until **March 1st of the application year**, but conversations can happen earlier and are encouraged.
 - Supervisors **MUST** email the PSYO or NESC Honours Coordinator to confirm supervision when the student applies for admission.
- Unofficial transcript from Dalhousie, including **winter 2024** grades (please note that grades from summer 2024 **CANNOT** be included).

- Transfer students must additionally provide transcript(s) from all previous institutions (official if possible)

STEP 2. Registrar's Application:

This step is completed after being admitted to honours by the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience. The application is due early September of your honours year. You will work with the Honours Coordinators the summer prior to honours to complete this.