

Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, Dalhousie University

Honours Programs Application for 2020-2021

DEADLINES and REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted into the honours program, students need to have secured the willingness of a research supervisor and this person needs to sign the application form (see also 'A Note About the Research Supervisor' below) at the time of application.

- **Current Students—Early admission to Honours/Combined Honours:** The early admission deadline is ~~March 8~~ **(REVISED application deadline for 2021 is May 10th)** during winter term of the 3rd year of undergraduate study. For early acceptance into the program, students require:
 - an A- average in the last **six** (not counting 1000-level or NESC/PSYO 2000) psychology/neuroscience courses
 - a B in NESC/PSYO 2000 (Note: B+ will be required for students who started at Dal in Fall 2019 or later)
- **Current Students—Late admission into Concentrated Honours Program:** Any student who does not meet the admission requirements for early admission can (re)apply for late admission. Late admissions will be considered June 1 and Aug 1, once grades are available. Please note that the requirements are stricter for late admission. Students require:
 - an A- average in the last **nine** (not counting 1000-level or NESC/PSYO 2000)) psychology/neuroscience courses
 - a B in NESC/PSYO 2000 (Note: B+ will be required for students who started at Dal in Fall 2019 or later)
- **Current Students—Late admission into Combined Honours Program** (Psychology or Neuroscience as the primary subject). As there are fewer PSYO/NESC courses taken in a combined honours, for admission, students require:
 - an A- average in the last **eight** (not counting 1000-level or NESC/PSYO 2000) psychology/neuroscience courses
 - a B in NESC/PSYO 2000 (Note: B+ will be required for students who started at Dal in Fall 2019 or later)
- **Previous Dalhousie Students (Honours Conversion):** Students can apply to complete an Honours conversion after the end of their Dalhousie Psychology/Neuroscience degree. Please note that **only courses taken within the last 10 years** can be considered towards admission into an Honours conversion. For admission, students require:
 - an A- average in the last **nine** (not counting 1000-level or NESC/PSYO 2000)) psychology/neuroscience courses
 - a B in NESC/PSYO 2000 (Note: B+ will be required for students who started at Dal in Fall 2019 or later)
- **Transfer Students:** Students transferring from other institutions are required to complete one full year of study at Dalhousie and to accumulate **six** or more half-credits of 2000/3000-level Dalhousie Psychology/Neuroscience classes before seeking admission to the Honours Program. They must also obtain credit for all Honours prerequisites. Any transfer student should contact an Honours Advisor as soon as possible after arriving at Dalhousie (or before, if possible) to ensure that they have or will have all appropriate/required courses. It is not possible to complete a degree at another university and simply do an "honours conversion" at Dalhousie.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for Honours, please do the following:

1. Complete all fields of the application on the following page. Applications with missing information will not be assessed. **Note that this includes the signature of the proposed supervisor.**
2. Attach an unofficial copy of your transcript. Ask for interim grades to be sent to Neuroscience/Psychology Honours advisors from instructors for 'full year' courses
3. Submit the application to an Honours Advisor by 4pm. **The REVISED application deadline for 2021 is May 10th.** We have made temporary changes to the application process for 2021, see PDF on the website.
4. May 10th (EARLY ADMISSION), or August 1 (LATE ADMISSION). Note that *only* Honours Advisors can admit students into the program.

A NOTE ABOUT THE RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

In addition to faculty members in the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, other faculty across the Dalhousie campus and affiliated with the hospitals *may* be eligible to supervise Honours students. If you are unsure of the eligibility for acting as an Honours supervisor, the onus is on you to contact an Honours Advisor to ask. In some cases, faculty from other departments or centers may be eligible, but there may be the need for oversight by someone internal to the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience. This is at the discretion of the Honours Advisor.

Please note that having secured a willing and eligible supervisor *does not* guarantee admittance into the program.

FIGURING OUT THE A- AVERAGE IN THE LAST SIX COURSES

Early admittance into the Honours program requires an A- average and can be figured out simply. Using the table below, an A- is **zero**. For example, if your last six psychology or neuroscience courses were B+, A-, A, B, A+, A, you would be admitted because $(-1) + 0 + 1 + (-2) + 2 + 1 = 1$ (assuming of course, that you have a willing and eligible supervisor). A similar process would be used for calculating the last eight or nine courses, as appropriate.

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?

- Counting backward from the most recent courses taken including spring/summer courses, **six** PSYO or NESC course are used for the average.
- A similar process would be used for calculating the last eight or nine courses, as appropriate. Please note that 6.0 credit hour classes (i.e. independent study) will count as 2 of these 6. Summer courses count in all of these calculations.
- For students with transfer credits, please submit a transcript from the original institution if at all possible.
- Applications of students who have been on exchange will be considered on a case by case basis.
- If there is more than one course that *can* count within the same semester, the course with the higher grade will be used. Note that for Neuroscience students, BIOL 2020 *can* count in the six courses because it is a required course.