

Honours Program Eligibility & Application Process

2021-22

Eligibility

Current Students

Admission into the Honours Program is dependent upon:

- **Confirmed supervision** (see 'A Note About the Research Supervisor' below)
- **A- average** in most recent **six** NESC/PSYO courses (excluding 1000-level and NESC/PSYO 2000)
- **B+** in NESC/PSYO 2000*

Honours Conversion

Students who have previously completed a BSc or BA in Psychology or Neuroscience, at Dalhousie, can apply to return as a special undergraduate student and complete an Honours Conversion. **Only courses completed within the last 10 years can be considered towards admission, and only students with degrees from Dalhousie can complete an Honours Conversion.**

For **admission to Dalhousie**, students must consult with the Registrar's Office about returning as a special undergraduate student.

For **admission to the Honours program**, students require:

- **Confirmed supervision** (see 'A Note About the Research Supervisor' below)
- **A- average** in most recent **six** NESC/PSYO courses (excluding 1000-level and NESC/PSYO 2000)
- **B+** in NESC/PSYO 2000*

Transfer Students

Students transferring from another institution are required to **complete one full year of student at Dalhousie** and have completed **six** or more 3-credit hour 2000/3000-level NESC or PSYO Dalhousie courses, prior to seeking admission to the Honours program. It is **HIGHLY** recommended that any transfer student interested in the Honours program, **contact a Faculty Advisor as soon as possible** (ideally, before transferring) to ensure they have (or will have) all necessary requirements.

For **admission to the Honours program**, students require:

- **Confirmed supervision** (see 'A Note About the Research Supervisor' below)
- **A- average** in most recent **six** NESC/PSYO courses (excluding 1000-level and NESC/PSYO 2000)
- **B+** in NESC/PSYO 2000*

**Minimum grade requirement for NESC/PSYO 2000 (or NESC 2007) is B for those under Fall 2018 Calendar or earlier*

Admission Process

Applying to the Program (Deadline: May 10, 2021)

In Psychology & Neuroscience, students first apply to the Department. After acceptance has been processed, students will work with the Honours Advisors to complete the formal application form for the Registrar's Office.

Students apply to the program through an **ONLINE form**. The form will **OPEN on April 1 and CLOSE on May 10**. This is a firm deadline and failure to apply by this deadline may result in denied admission.

The form requires students to provide the following information:

- Student name
- Student ID
- Student email
- Program
- Name of confirmed supervisor (supervisor must also email Honours Advisors to confirm)
- Details of proposed project** (consult with supervisor):
 - o Project title
 - o Role in data collection
 - o Research question
- Transcript, including winter 2022 grades (*grades from summer 2022 CANNOT be included*)
 - o *Transfer students are asked to provide both Dalhousie transcript AND transcript from previous institution, if possible (does not have to be formal transcript)*

***Note: It is possible to change/edit/amend project details after the deadline, but this gives Honours Advisors an understanding of the proposed project and ensures students and supervisors have discussed general plan.*

Securing a Supervisor

Supervisors CANNOT confirm their ability to supervise students until March 1 (NEW), though conversations can (and are encouraged to) happen earlier.

In addition to faculty members in the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, other faculty members from across Dalhousie and affiliated with other institutions and hospitals *may* be eligible to supervise Honours students. To confirm the eligibility of an individual to serve as an Honours supervisor (if outside of department), students MUST contact an Honours Advisor to ask. In some (but not all) cases, faculty from other departments or institutions may be eligible, but there may be a need for oversight (co-supervision) by someone internal to the Psychology & Neuroscience Department. This is at the discretion of the Honours Advisors.

Please note, that having secured a willing and eligible supervisor *does not guarantee* admission to the program.

Calculating A- Average

Early admission into the Honours program requires an A- average in program-required courses (i.e., NESC and/or PSYO) 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 considered eligible for admission because $(-1) + 0 + 1 + (-2) + 2 + 1 = 1$ (though you still require a B+ in NESC/PSYO 2000 and a confirmed supervisor).

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)
- Courses spanning **two terms** (6 credit hours) 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 ARE included in the calculation, but only for those courses completed PRIOR to the application (*e.g., if applying in winter 2022, summer 2021 grades could be included, but NOT summer 2022 grades*)
- If more than one course from a single semester could be considered (*e.g., a student has 5 courses from winter 2022 and fall 2021, and a 6th needs to be included from winter 2021*), the course with the higher grade will be used
- For NESC students, BIOL *can* be included because it is a required course