

## **APPLICATION: Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology - Honours**

*Department of Psychology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology-Honours program is intended to provide students with additional self-directed psychological research experience, which may aid in the pursuit of further training in graduate programs that require such experience.
2. In order to apply, students must have spoken to two or more faculty members in the Department of Psychology at Dougals College who would consider supervising their Honours Thesis. Write their names in the spot below in order of preferene (you don't need to put 3 names but it may increase your chances).
3. Students typically apply to the Honours program near the end of their third year in the BA Applied Psychology program. Douglas BA Applied Psychology students must submit their application by **April 1**.
4. Admission to the BA Applied Psychology Honours program is very competitive and is limited to 8-10 students per academic year (Fall entry). In order to be admitted, students must have a minumum program GPA of 3.33 at the time of applying.
5. We have created some general criteria to help us choose between applicants who all meet the minimum GPA requirements. Details are on the following page.

To apply, please fill out the following information, attach additional documents and email it to: **Dr. Laura Dane, danel@douglascollege.ca**.

**NOTE: The department of Psychology NO LONGER recommends that students complete PSYC 3301 in the Winter semester of their Honours year. This course can be taken at any point in your degree.**

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|                                                                                          | Minimum |  |
| Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)                                                    | 3.33    |  |
| Credit Hours Completed                                                                   | 75      |  |
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| Statement of intent (details on next page), resume and writing sample attached to email. |         |  |

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**Potential Supervisor 1 Name**

**Potential Supervisor 2 Name**

**Potential Supervisor 3 Name**

*By signing this application I understand that, if accepted, I must maintain a Program GPA of 3.33 or higher. If I drop below 3.33, or do not full-fill other graduation requirements of the Honours degree (B in PSYC 3300 and completion of PSYC 3301) I will be reverted back to the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology degree program.*

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**Student's Signature**

## Honours Application Guidelines 2025

Due to increased applications and limited seats for the Honours BA Applied Psychology program we have created some guidelines to help us rank applicants who all, otherwise, meet the minimum entrance requirements (minimum program GPA = 3.33; minimum credit hours completed = 75). The following outline some of our criteria. We request that you speak to these criteria (below #1 – #5) in a statement of intent 500 words or less. You should also attach a current resume but be sure to point out in your letter the specific aspects we are looking for.

New this year, we would also like you to submit a writing/critical thinking sample that summarizes and integrates the state of research in an area of interest to you. You should use a minimum of 3 academic research articles and at the end propose a testable research question that could be generated from this research area. This does NOT need to be the research question or research area that you hope to address in our Honours thesis, but it could be. This writing sample must be written by you without the help of AI or Faculty members. Maximum 2 pages single spaced. Please also include references and citations in APA style. The reference page is not included in the 2 page max.

### Ranking criteria topics to note in your letter

1. **GPA** – note in your letter your current program GPA
2. **Credits completed** – minimum 75. Please note in your letter how many credits you have already completed (not in progress) and comment on how quickly you plan to complete your degree (i.e. how many courses you tend to take a semester, or the date of your planned last semester).
3. **Key courses completed** - we will look at your past grades in courses related to research and data analysis including (but not limited to): PSYC 2300, 2301, 3300, 3301, CRIM 3325. For each of these courses that you have completed please note your grade in your letter.
4. **Intended Graduate Program(s)** – please note which graduate program or programs you intend to apply to. Be as specific as you can (i.e. SFU Clinical Psychology PhD or UBC Counselling Psychology MA etc.).
5. **Extra-Curricular Activities/Volunteer work:** Please note if you have any extracurricular activities, (volunteer or paid) that would make an application to a graduate program more appealing. Examples could include but are not limited to: volunteering or paid work experience in a helping related field (if you intend to apply to a counselling, clinical or social work graduate program), research or research lab experience, Psychology Society participation, research days presentations, other school/program or community involvement, or certifications or awards of importance.