

Psychology Honours Thesis Information Session 2025

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The Plan

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The Honours Thesis

- 🚌 Coursework vs. Thesis option for Honours degree
- 🚌 Honours thesis more than just ‘big paper’
- 🚌 Workload is high!
 - 🚌 PSYC 4020D = ~16 hours (on average) per week for two semesters

An Honours Thesis Student Must (with support but it's your honours thesis)

- 🚌 Participate in thesis seminars throughout year
- 🚌 Search for, read, and review relevant literature
- 🚌 Plan a study
- 🚌 Write a substantial thesis proposal
- 🚌 Collect and analyze data (but not always)
- 🚌 Report results via written, oral, and poster presentations

PSYC 4010Y vs. 4020D


PSYC 4010Y

 Joint Honours Thesis with
PSYC and another program

 one credit from PSYC


 one from the other program


 e.g., CHYS or FRSC

 **Note** that PSYC 4010Y not required for
joint PSYC majors

 You can complete 4020D (just PSYC)

The Honours Thesis (cont'd)






 A must if you're applying to a *graduate program* in psychology

 A good idea if you're *unsure* about future goals (keep options open)






 Not necessary for a professional program (but it depends, e.g., SLP at UofT)

Admission Requirements

For PSYC 4020D

-  At least 75% in PSYC 3016H & PSYC 3017H (or PSYC 3015Y)
-  At least 0.5 credit from each of A2, B2, A3, B3 categories (see Academic Calendar)
-  75% or higher in all PSYC courses
-  Permission of Psychology Department
-  Some faculty have specific prerequisites of content courses, etc.

Application Process

-  Must apply for PSYC Honours Thesis Program
(limited space)
-  Apply early! Forms available online
-  Application deadline: March 3rd, 2025 by noon
(notified in late May if accepted)
-  Email to:
 -  psychologydurham@trentu.ca

Finding a Faculty Supervisor

 Look for ‘good fit’ and common interests (but be open)


 Search faculty research
<https://www.trentu.ca/psychology/faculty-research>

 2025-2026 Available Durham Faculty

 Drs. Jeff Adams, Ben Bauer, & Brenda Smith-Chant

Finding a Faculty Supervisor

Additional Suggestion

-  Plan to do a research practicum with faculty before doing honours thesis