

January 22, 2015

Dear Psychology Seniors,

Welcome back for Spring 2015! I hope you will soon contact your House's Psychology [Concentration Adviser](#), who will give you your official Progress Memo that lists what courses you've taken and what you have left to complete.

Important Updates for Spring 2015:

Important information regarding your eligibility for non-thesis honors, including action items, are at the bottom of this email, so be sure to read it! If you are a senior thesis writer, this does not apply to you.

Deadlines!

- Any requests related to Non-Thesis Honors Eligibility must be made by Friday, Jan. 30 (see below).
- All petitions to request concentration credit for a SPRING course are due next Friday, January 30 by 4pm if you haven't already done so. This includes:
 - [Non-departmental advanced courses](#) by emailing psychology@wh.harvard.edu
 - MBB course change by submitting a MBB Course change form, or
 - Other concentration credit by submitting a petition form
- Submit all petitions/emails requests to WJH 218 by 4pm next Friday, Jan. 30.

COURSE UPDATES FOR SPRING

[Psy 1508, How to Nudge](#), will be offered again this spring and better suited for sophomores & juniors
[Psy 2351, Construction and Function of Memory](#) w/Dan Schacter & Randy Buckner, is geared toward upper-level undergraduates interested in cognitive psych, social psych, cognitive neuroscience, & related topics. This is not a graduate seminar.

NEW COURSES THIS SPRING

[Psy 980s. Cyborg Psychology](#), Justin Junge

[Psy 980t. To Categorize is Human: How Linguistic, Social, and Perceptual Categories Shape our Experience of the World](#), Neon Brooks

[Psy 1001. The Psychology of Well-being](#), Martin Day

[Psy 1251. Circuits and Symptoms](#), Josh Buckholtz

[Psy 1454. Neuroscience Fiction: An Introduction to Cutting Edge Neuroscience through the Lens of Film and Television](#), George Alvarez

[Psy 1455. Perceiving People](#), Ken Nakayama

[Psy 1553. Social Bonds and Human Connections](#), Katherine Powers

[Psy 1559. The Social Brain](#), Katherine Powers

[Psy 1560. The Psychology of Being Rich or Poor](#), Sasha Kimel

[Psy 1855. Mood Disorders](#), Evan Kleiman

[Psy 1858. Stress, Coping, and Resilience](#), Evan Kleiman

NON-THESIS HONORS EXPLANATION:

- Your final concentration GPA must be 3.85 or higher. Concentration GPA is calculated from a student's best twelve half-courses that meet the requirements, including final semester grades.

Check your progress memo that you'll receive in January from your adviser to see which courses are counting!

- The courses that meet the requirements include the Introductory Course requirement, Foundational Courses (as required), Basic and Research Methods, Sophomore Tutorial, the required number of Advanced Courses, and any additional track-specific courses. See the [requirements chart](#) for details of each track.
- If a student has extra courses that meet the requirements, for example, if a student has taken 7 Advanced Courses and only 6 are required, the best 6 grades for Advanced Courses will be counted if the student is eligible for non-thesis honors.
- Students who meet the 3.85 cutoff will receive a departmental (English) recommendation of Honors. With a departmental recommendation of Honors, you are only eligible for the Latin Honors option of Cum Laude when the College determines Latin Honors. An in-depth explanation of [English and Latin Honors can be found here](#).

Action items for checking non-thesis honors eligibility:

If you're curious about changes you can request for non-thesis honors eligibility, here are some things to check:

- Switching tracks (if you are able to meet the requirements for the other track, it might change your concentration GPA. See the [requirements chart](#) to check). Email psychology@wjh to request a change.
- Counting [non-departmental courses](#) (We only count the non-departmental courses you have requested. Keep in mind the limits by track). Email psychology@wjh to request a new or different course.
- The Psychology Undergraduate Office will not be checking for any of these things unless an email requesting a change has been received.
- Specific questions about this? Email [Melissa](#).
- **Any requests for changes must be emailed by January 30** to psychology@wjh.harvard.edu.

Below are the grade point equivalents for letter grades, so you can calculate your concentration GPA:

A	4
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1
D-	.67
E	0

Sincerely,

The Psychology Undergraduate Office