

January 29, 2015

Dear Psychology Senior Concentrators,

We hope shopping week has been going well for you so far and you enjoyed the impromptu snow day! We've enjoyed seeing so many of you in our office. If you haven't stopped by yet, come by to say hello and have some candy!

Announcements for This Week:

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 tomorrow, 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.
- [Psy 910r applications due today](#) (you can also drop it off tomorrow if you're finishing up your application last minute).

Upcoming Events at Office of Career Services:

For a full list of events happening at OCS, be sure to check their [calendars](#)!

Career Fairs:

- HGSE International Schools Fair – Jan. 30, 12-2pm, Gutman Conference Center
- Science Pathways Beyond the Bench – Feb. 4, 4-5pm, OCS Conference Room
- Start-Up Career Fair – Feb. 6, 1-4pm, Harvard Innovation Lab

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 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 yours,

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