

Declaration Application for Honors in CoPsy Academic Year 2026-2027

If you are planning on graduating with honors, please fill out the following form and **return to the honors advisor by the deadline listed on the Honors website**.

Honors students in Cognitive Science, Cognitive Neuroscience, and Psychology must take CLPS1980 in conjunction with their honors' thesis research during each term this academic year. Behavioral Decision Sciences honors students must take CLPS1960 and CLPS1980 (or a comparable independent study course).

After you submit this application, the honors advisor will review your research proposal and your academic record to make sure you have completed the requirements for admission to the honors program. You will receive an email from the honors advisor to let you know all is in order for you to do honors.

The final thesis will be due in mid-to-late April (*due date listed on the website*). You will need to have much of the research and literature review completed by the end of Fall semester so that you will have enough time to write up your thesis. You are expected to submit a rough draft of a section of your thesis (the introduction and possibly the method sections) to your faculty sponsor and honors advisor by the end of Fall semester. You should discuss expectations for this rough draft and submission date with your faculty advisor. You must submit a complete penultimate draft of your thesis to your faculty sponsor, your second reader, and the Honors advisor early April (*due date listed on the website*). A Poster presentation of your work will take place in mid- April (*date listed on the website*).

More details are available on the Honors website. Feel free to reach out to the Honors advisor with any questions.

Instructions: Please fill this document out and submit a scanned copy with your faculty sponsor's signature to copsy_honors@brown.edu or print out this document and submit the signed copy to Prof. David Sobel in Room 238. Thank you.

Student Section:

Your Name:

Your Concentration:

What is the proposed thesis topic or working title of your research project?

Your Thesis Sponsor, Department Affiliation, and Email:

Your Proposed Second Reader:

The primary sponsor and second reader of your thesis must be Brown faculty members. If your primary thesis sponsor is not a member of the CoPsy department and has not already been approved by the DUCC to mentor honors students, please include their CV with this application. In this case, your second reader must be a CoPsy faculty member. Please contact your second reader to ensure they are available. If your second reader is outside the department and not approved by the DUCC, please include their CV.

List the name, course code, and semester taken for

- 1) The Statistics course you are using for your concentration and**
- 2) The Research Design & Methods/Lab course.**

1. _____

2. _____

Write a brief paragraph describing the goals for your thesis project: outlining the rationale for the study, the specific research question and hypotheses, and methodological approach.

Faculty Sponsor Section:

The section should be filled out by the faculty sponsor, not by the student.

Faculty Sponsors:

Thank you for serving as a sponsor for a thesis in the CPSY department.

Please be aware that students can be expected to devote between 10-20 hours per week on the project during the school year. Faculty sponsors are expected to be available for regular meetings with the student to review work and analyze progress. Students are expected to be intellectually involved in original research, with expectations appropriate for their level of experience. The questions below are designed to ensure that you and your student have similar expectations about the thesis experience.

Please describe the role that you propose for the student.

Although other members of your research group can be involved with the research, the expectation is that you are meeting with the student regularly for supervision. Please describe whether other members of your research group will also be involved in the project, and if so, in what way.

Are sufficient resources available in your research group to support the student's project to completion? If not, please describe how you expect students to complete the project.

Please briefly describe your policy and expectations about appropriate AI usage for this project. Please be aware that you should discuss these expectations with the student.

Faculty Sponsor's Signature: _____