INTENT TO EARN DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR

As defined by the College of Letters and Science, Distinction in the Major is a type of scholastic award granted at graduation upon recommendation of their major department, to any student not earning honors in the major. This scholastic award is noted on a recipient’s transcript.

Within the Department of Psychology, a student must complete the following requirements to earn Distinction in the major:

1) Complete the Intent to Earn Distinction in the Major Form
2) Successfully complete all psychology major course requirements
3) Earn a cumulative GPA WITHIN the Psychology major coursework of 3.7 or higher. This includes psychology courses and required coursework taken outside of the department (e.g. zoo 101 and 102, zoo 151 and 152, stat 371, etc.)
4) Complete any three breadth/depth courses for automatic honors, with a grade of B or better in each course. This includes, but is not limited to, the following courses:
   - Psych 489: Honors Animal Behavior
   - Psych 484/485 Honors Behavioral Neuroscience
   - Psych 406/486 Honors Psychology of Perception
   - Psych 413/483 Honors Language, Mind and the Brain
   - Psych 414/481 Honors Cognitive Psychology
   - Psych 509/589 Honors Abnormal Psychology
   - Psych 560/580 Honors Child Psychology
   - Psych 528/589 Honors Cultural Psychology
   - Psych 530/585 Honors Social Psychology
   - Psych 581 Honors Depth Topics (vary each semester)
   - Psych 582 Honors Cognitive Development
   - Psych 583 Honors Social Development
   - Psych 584 Honors Affective Neuroscience
   - Psych 586 Honors Criminal Mind

By signing this intent to earn distinction in the major I understand the following:

1) I will only earn distinction in the major if I complete the above requirements
2) I will be authorized to enroll in honors breadth/depth courses at the beginning of sophomore enrollment. I am not guaranteed enrollment into any course.
3) I must notify the Distinction in the Major Program Coordinator via e-mail of my upcoming graduation during my last semester by the following deadlines:
   - Spring/Summer Graduation: April 15th
   - December Graduation: December 1st
4) In order to declare my intent to complete distinction in the major I must have at least a 3.5 GPA within the psychology major coursework, and to earn distinction I must have at least a 3.7 GPA in major coursework when I graduate.

Name: ________________________________              Today’s Date: _____________
Student ID # __________________________              wisc.edu e-mail: __________________________
Intended Graduation Date: _________________  Current Psych GPA: _______  Current Cumulative GPA: _______

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Student Signature/Date                  Distinction Coordinator Signature/Date

Should you have any questions regarding distinction in the major contact Stephanie Osborn at saosborn@wisc.edu.
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