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, stat 371, etc.)
4) Select ONE of the following options:
   A) Complete any three breadth/depth courses for automatic honors, with a grade of B or better in each course. (see psych major checklist for full list of offerings)
   B) Complete an undergraduate thesis (Psych 691 and 692) with a grade of “B” or better

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 questions regarding distinction in the major, contact the Psychology Advisors at advisor@psych.wisc.edu.