



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: _____

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.