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 Psychology 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 Form I understand the following:

1) I will only earn Distinction in the Major if I complete the above requirements.
2) If I am not currently in an Honors program, I will need to receive consent of the instructor to enroll in any Psychology breadth/depth courses for Honors. I am not guaranteed enrollment into any course.
3) 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

Send this completed form to the Distinction in the Major Coordinator at: honors@psych.wisc.edu

Questions regarding distinction in the major?
Contact the Department of Psychology Honors & Distinction Coordinator at honors@psych.wisc.edu.