



## ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY HONOURS B.A. PROGRAM

St. Thomas University is situated in beautiful Fredericton, New Brunswick. Fredericton (pop. 47,000), located on the St. John River in central New Brunswick, is the Province's capital city, housing the Legislature Buildings, as well as art galleries, convention centres, and the University of New Brunswick. Fredericton's picturesque beauty derives from its many stately Victorian homes, river location, uncrowded trails, numerous full growth deciduous trees, and surrounding countryside. Perhaps because of the uncrowded and picturesque surroundings, as well as the Maritime environment, people living here are known for their friendliness and dedication to the community.

### PSYCHOLOGY AT ST THOMAS UNIVERSITY

Psychology is the study of behaviour. It focuses on identification of fundamental mechanisms and processes that regulate the behaviour of organisms. The goal of the B.A. degree program in Psychology at St. Thomas University is to provide students with advanced knowledge in the substantive areas of psychology, and applications of psychology to the understanding of human social and health problems. In addition, the B.A. Honours Program in Psychology provides training adequate to ensure students' competitiveness for advanced graduate study in Psychology.

The Department of Psychology is one of the largest departments at St. Thomas University. The research interests of our faculty members vary considerably and the constellation of interests allows the Department to successfully bridge the liberal arts and social sciences. Research strengths of Psychology faculty members include: the history of psychology, the relationship between psychology and spirituality, the psychology of teaching and learning, an understanding of human sexuality, the development of language and reading comprehension, women and mental health, developing sustainable behaviour change programs, the biopsychology of human addictions, an understanding of optimism and health, and the social psychology of risk, aggression, and helping behaviour.

The Department of Psychology at St. Thomas University offers programs of study leading to the B.A. Major and B.A. Honours degrees. Psychology courses typically are among the courses with the highest enrolments at St. Thomas, indicating the continued strength and popularity of our program with the student body.

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## HONOURS B.A. PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

Students who are interested in pursuing graduate study in Psychology are advised to complete the Honours B.A. Program. This program provides greater breadth and depth in the substantive and methodological areas of Psychology. Although not a requisite for advanced study in Psychology, many universities strongly recommend the completion of an Honours degree and Honours thesis as an important part of preparation for graduate study in Psychology. In addition to meeting the general norms of the university for an Honours degree, students who wish to take the Honours B.A. Program in Psychology must meet specific regulations of the Psychology Department.

The Department of Psychology offers courses leading to the B.A. (Hons) degree. Faculty can provide expertise in the substantive areas of: cognition, neuropsychology, history of psychology, human development, child development, social psychology, social cognition, clinical psychology, personality, quantitative and qualitative methods, and psychometrics.

### ADMISSION

Entrance into the Honours Program is competitive and the number of spaces available is limited. *Usually, students accepted to the Psychology Honours program have a GPA of 3.7 or higher.* Given the workload of the Honours Program, students with a GPA of less than 3.7 are encouraged to seek the advice of the Department Chair before applying. Successful applicants normally will meet the following criteria:

- Completion of PSYC 1013 and 1023;
- Completion of PSYC 2013, 2023, 3933, and 3943, with a minimum grade of B in each (prior to entry to the Honours Program);
- Satisfactory indication of interest in pursuing a research-based graduate degree or career involving research skills following graduation from St. Thomas University;
- Satisfactory indication that a tentative arrangement for pursuing a thesis project has been made with a Faculty Member in the Department of Psychology.

**Important:** As early as possible, students planning to apply to the Honours Program must discuss a course plan that adequately prepares them for the Honours thesis, and subsequent career goals, with either the Department Chair or a full-time Faculty Member in the Department of Psychology.

Students interested in applying for the Honours Program in Psychology should submit to the Chair of Psychology by January 31 of their third year: (a) a letter of interest, which shall include a Summer contact address and telephone number; (b) indication that a tentative arrangement for pursuing a thesis project has been made with a Faculty Member in the Psychology Department; and (c) a copy of a paper submitted for undergraduate upper division coursework.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Specific requirements:** a minimum of 54 credit hours in Psychology
- PSYC 1013 and 1023
- PSYC 2013 and 2023 must both be taken in 2nd year
- PSYC 3933 (Advanced Statistics)
- PSYC 3943 (Advanced Research)
- PSYC 3963 (History of Psychology)
- PSYC 4996 (Honours thesis)
- at least one additional psychology course at the 3000 level
- at least one additional 4000 level psychology seminar course

### 2. At least 15 credit hours from the following division:

#### FUNDAMENTALS Division:

- 2013 Introduction to Statistics
- 2023 Introduction to Research Methods
- 3933 Advanced Statistics
- 3943 Advanced Research
- 3953 Quantitative Methods
- 3963 History of Psychology
- 4963 Seminar in the History of Psychology

### 3. At least 3 credit hours from each of the following divisions:

#### BIOLOGICAL Division:

- 2113 Sensation
- 2123 Perception
- 2153 Biological Psychology
- 2163 Drugs and Behaviour
- 3113 Hearing
- 3123 Visual Perception
- 3153 Advanced Biological Bases of Psychology
- 3423 Motivation and Emotion

#### CLINICAL Division:

- 2253 Psychology of Personal Growth
- 2643 Abnormal Psychology (CRIM; GERO)
- 2653 Abnormal Child Psychology
- 2663 Dangerous Offenders: Assessment and Intervention
- 2823 Community Psychology
- 3223 Health Psychology
- 3613 Models of Psychotherapy with Adults
- 3713 Madness & Medicine
- 3813 Psychological Testing & Assessment
- 4433 Seminar in Women and Mental Health
- 4453 Seminar in Stress and Health
- 4513 Seminar in Popular Psychology

#### DEVELOPMENTAL Division:

- 2613 Physical and Emotional Development
- 2623 Cognitive and Social Development
- 2673 Adult Development and Aging (GERO)
- 3623 Adolescent Development
- 3633 Children, Adolescents & the Media
- 3733 Developmental Psycholinguistics
- 4623 Seminar in Developmental Psychology

#### LEARNING & COGNITION Division:

- 2143 Introduction to Linguistics I (ROML 2013)
- 2213 Principles of Learning
- 2233 Introduction to Psychology and the Law
- 2243 Introduction to Linguistics II (ROML 2023)
- 2683 Psychology of Music
- 3213 Behaviour Modification
- 3263 Cognitive Psychology
- 4213 Seminar in Behaviour Management
- 4223 Seminar in Psychology and the Law
- 4233 Seminar in Creativity
- 4243 Seminar in Behaviour Psychology
- 4263 Seminar in Cognitive Psychology

## SOCIAL & PERSONALITY Division:

2183 Human Sexuality  
2313 Introduction to Theories of Personality  
2413 Social Psychology  
2443 Environmental Psychology  
3413 Advanced Social Psychology  
3433 Psychology of Social Influence  
3523 Psychology of Gender & Gender Relations  
3533 Introduction to Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
4313 Seminar in Personality  
4323 Seminar in Romantic Relationships  
4413 Seminar in Prejudice and Discrimination  
4423 Seminar in Social Psychology  
4443 Seminar in Environmental Psychology  
4483 Seminar in the Psychology of Women  
4493 Seminar in the Psychology of Men and Masculinity  
4533 Seminar in Industrial and Organizational Psychology

### 4. The remaining credits can be taken from any of the courses offered by the department, including the following list:

2823, 2833, 2843 Special Topics  
3823, 3833, 3843 Special Topics  
4823, 4833, 4843 Special Topics: Seminar  
4883 Independent Study

## THESIS

Students admitted to the Honours Program are required to complete an Honours Thesis, which is an independent research project undertaken in collaboration with a full time Faculty Member who serves as the project advisor. Topics for honours theses are developed in consultation with the Faculty Advisor, and the research may employ quantitative and/or qualitative methods. Honours students are **required to present orally their thesis proposal and completed thesis in Proposal and Thesis Departmental colloquia**. Thesis proposal colloquia are typically held in late October, while thesis colloquia usually are held in April (exact dates will vary from year to year).

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded the Honours Degree in Psychology upon graduation, students must meet the following requirements:

- The program must include 54 credit hours in psychology, and normally not more than 60 credit hours, **including those specific course requirements outlined above**.

In addition to grade requirements for **admission** to the Honours Program (**usually a GPA of 3.7 or higher**), students must obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 (B) in all psychology courses taken, normally with no grade less than C+ in any psychology course

## COURSE OFFERINGS

1013 Introduction to Psychology  
1023 Introduction to Psychology  
2013 Introduction to Statistics  
2023 Introduction to Research Methods  
2113 Sensation  
2123 Perception  
2143 Introduction to Linguistics I (ROML 2013)  
2153 Biological Psychology  
2163 Drugs and Behaviour

2183 Human Sexuality  
2213 Principles of Learning  
2223 Psychology of Religion (RELG 2223)  
2233 Introduction to Psychology and the Law  
2243 Introduction to Linguistics II (ROML 2023)  
2253 Psychology of Personal Growth  
2313 Personality Psychology  
2413 Social Psychology  
2443 Environmental Psychology  
2613 Physical and Emotional Development  
2623 Cognitive and Social Development  
2643 Abnormal Psychology (CRIM) (GERO)  
2653 Abnormal Child Psychology  
2663 Dangerous Offenders: Assessment and Intervention  
2673 Adult Development and Aging (GERO 2673)  
2683 Psychology of Music  
2823 Community Psychology  
2833, 2843: Special Topics  
3043 Qualitative Research for Honours Students (SOCI 3043)  
3113 Hearing  
3123 Visual Perception  
3153 Advanced Biological Bases of Psychology  
3213 Behaviour Modification  
3223 Health Psychology  
3263 Cognitive Psychology  
3413 Advanced Social Psychology  
3423 Motivation and Emotion  
3433 Psychology of Social Influence  
3523 Psychology of Gender and Gender Relations  
3533 Introduction to Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
3613 Models of Psychotherapy with Adults  
3623 Adolescent Development  
3633 Children, Adolescents & the Media  
3673 Challenges to Adult Development and Aging (GERO 3673)  
3713 Madness and Medicine  
3733 Developmental Psycholinguistics  
3813 Psychological Testing and Assessment  
3823 Advanced Biological Bases of Psychology  
3933 Advanced Statistics  
3943 Advanced Research  
3953 Quantitative Methods  
3963 History of Psychology  
4213 Seminar in Behaviour Management  
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4493 Seminar in the Psychology of Men and Masculinity  
4513 Seminar in Popular Psychology  
4533 Seminar in Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
4623 Seminar in Developmental Psychology  
4823 Special Topics  
4873 Identification and Remediation of Learning Disabilities  
4883 Independent Study  
4963 Seminar in the History of Psychology  
4996 Honours Thesis

**NOTE.** Students considering enrolling in PSYC 3933 and **3943** are advised that entrance to the Honours Program, for which these courses are prerequisites, is competitive. In addition, given the workload of these courses, and of PSYC 3963 (History of Psychology), a required course in the Honours Program, **students**

**with a GPA of less than 3.7 are advised to consult the Department Chair before registering for these courses.**

Not all courses listed are offered each year. Please consult with the Department Chair for more information about current and planned course offerings.

## FACULTY

**DEL BRODIE, Ph.D.** (Western Ontario)  
Cognition; Social Psychology; Prejudice

**MARVIN CLAYBOURN, Ph.D.** (University of New Brunswick)  
Clinical Psychology; Workplace Mental Health

**KIM FENWICK, Ph.D.** (Western Ontario) Chair of Psychology  
Developmental Psychology; Child Development

**IAN FRASER, Ph.D.** (Aberdeen)  
Cognition; Eyewitness Memory; Psychology of Teaching

**N. C. HIGGINS, Ph.D.** (Simon Fraser)  
Social/Personality Psychology; Optimism & Health

**MICHAEL HOULIHAN, Ph.D.** (Ottawa)  
Biological Psychology

**DAVE KOROTKOV, Ph.D.** (Memorial University of Newfoundland)  
Health Psychology; Behaviour Modification, Social Psychology

**MICHELLE N. LAFRANCE, Ph.D.** (University of New Brunswick)  
Clinical Psychology; Depression

**IAN A.M. NICHOLSON, Ph.D.** (York)  
History of Psychology; Personality

**MIHAILO PERUNOVIC, Ph.D.** (Waterloo)  
Social Psychology; Close Relationships

**SUZANNE M. PRIOR, Ph.D.** (York)  
Developmental Psychology; Child Language Development

**MONIKA STELZL, Ph.D.** (Western Ontario)  
Social Psychology; Social Identity; Cultural Self-Efficacy and Cultural Competence

**DOUGLAS VIPOND, Ph.D.** (York)  
Cognitive Psychology; Writing; Literary Reading

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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