APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL STUDIES FOR HONORS

UC BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM

IMPORTANT: Psychology majors with an overall GPA of 3.3 and a Psychology major GPA of 3.5 GPA are eligible to enroll in Honors. Psych H195 units are for completion of the Honors thesis. This course is offered on a letter grade basis.

Psych H195A/B: The Psychology Honors Program is intended for advanced undergraduates wishing to receive honors credit for independent research projects under the mentorship of a Psychology faculty member. To apply for Psych 195B, H195A must have been completed.

Credit: A grade of “In Progress” is given the first semester; final grade and units awarded upon completion of H195B. This is a variable unit (1-3 units), letter-graded course and assumes a three hours of work/week in a lab per unit. While there are no written assignments required in H195A, the student must complete two semesters (H195A and H195B) to earn honors.

Name of Student: ___________________________________________ SID: __________________

Email: ___________________________________________ Semester: _______________ Units: __________

Expected Date of Graduation: _________________________ Expected Thesis Submission: _________________________

Name of Faculty Sponsor: ________________________________

Name of Research Mentor (if different from faculty sponsor): __________________________________________

Title of Project: __________________________________________

Please type your response to each question in a separate sheet:

1. Write a one-page description of your research project. What question(s) will be addressed by your honors thesis?
2. Outline the general plan of your work. This should include a description of your research approach, including an adequate description of your methodologies, procedures and how the results will be analyzed. Any substantial collaboration with other individuals (e.g. graduate students, post-docs, faculty, etc.) should be described.
3. List the completed Psychology courses and/or non-Psychology coursework (if any) relevant to the subject of your honors thesis.
4. To be completed by the student and the faculty sponsor:
   a. How will the faculty member be involved in the individual’s research experience?
   b. Who will directly supervise (e.g. PI, post-doc, graduate student, etc.) and guide the student’s research? Describe how the supervision will be conducted.

Students are encouraged to complete their honors thesis with a faculty member in the Department of Psychology. If you wish to complete your honors thesis with a faculty member outside the department, you must also submit the following:

1. A statement explaining why you are completing your honors thesis with the faculty member outside the department
2. Information about your faculty mentor, including the College/Department he/she has an appointment in, and some information about their specializations.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________

By signing, I recognize that I must complete at least two semesters of research in the thesis lab, in addition to obtaining the required GPA and completing the written thesis requirements.

Mentor Signature (if different from faculty): ___________________________________________ Date: _______________

By signing, I recognize that this student will receive Psychology credit for honors research, and that the final grade determination will be made by their faculty sponsor.

Faculty Sponsor Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________

By signing, I commit to actively supervise this student’s project to assure that the student’s efforts are of good quality, and that the student receives the necessary assistance required to understand each stage of the research. I agree to sponsor this student pursuing honors thesis and to evaluate the student’s progress.