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 (faculty sponsor needs to complete separate form):
   a. How will the faculty member be involved in your research experience?
   b. Who will directly supervise (e.g. PI, post-doc, graduate student, etc.) and guide your research? Describe how the supervision will be conducted.
   c. FOR PSYCH H195B only: Create a time line with tentative deadlines leading to the completion of the thesis. Both the student and the mentor should agree on a realistic time frame to ensure the timely submission of the project.

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.