

PSY/CD Research Emphasis Track

The Research Emphasis Track aims to provide PSY/CD students who have a strong interest in pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology (or related field) with an opportunity to participate in advanced independent research training. Interested students should apply in the Fall quarter of their junior year. Successful applicants will complete the track requirements over the remainder of their junior and senior years, culminating with an empirical senior project and accompanying presentation.

Who should apply?

- Undergraduate students interested in applying to graduate school to obtain a Ph.D. in psychology or a related field.
 - *Note: Students interested in pursuing other types of graduate degrees (PsyD, MS, MFT, etc.) likely would not need the research experience provided by this track to be a competitive applicant for those programs.*

What are the requirements to apply?

- PSY or CD major
- Junior standing (apply in Fall quarter of junior year)
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and major GPA of 3.5
- Completed application form

What will I be doing as part of the Research Emphasis Track?

- Research Internship I and II (PSY/CD 448 and 449)
 - *In Research Internship, you will likely be assisting your supervisor with existing projects/data in their lab. This allows you to learn the basics of their research (and reflects how graduate school often begins—by helping with existing projects).*
- Quantitative Research Methods (PSY 333—already a requirement in the PSY major)
- An additional statistics course (for example, STAT 313)
- Special section of Senior Project Seminar (PSY/CD 461)
- Completion of a 2-quarter empirical senior project (PSY/CD 400 and 462)
 - *This part of the research experience is where you will gain more responsibility and independence in your supervisor's lab.*
- Presentation of project at the Senior Project Symposium in the Spring

What is the timeline of the Research Emphasis Track?

Note: When a course is spread over multiple quarters, this indicates that it should be taken sometime in that time period. For example, PSY 333 should be taken in Winter or Spring of junior year.

Junior Year			Senior Year		
Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring
Applications due; acceptance decisions made	PSY/CD 448 & 449				
	PSY 333*				
		STAT 313 or equivalent*			
			PSY/CD 461 (special section)	PSY/CD 400*	PSY/CD 462

*For PSY students: STAT 313 and PSY 400 count as upper division PSY electives.

*For CD students: PSY 333, STAT 313, and CD 400 count as free electives.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 15 2021