PSY/CD Research Emphasis Track

The Research Emphasis Track aims to provide PSY/CD students with 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 are the requirements to complete the Research Emphasis Track?

- Research Internship I and II (PSY/CD 448 and 449)
- 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, independent, empirical senior project (PSY/CD 400 and 462)
- Presentation of project at the Senior Project Symposium in the Spring

What is the timeline of the Research Emphasis Track?

Note: When the same course is spread over multiple quarters, this indicates that the course should be taken sometime in that time period, not that it needs to be taken every quarter. 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	PSY/CD 448 & 449				
due;	PSY 333*				
acceptance	STAT 313 or 6		equivalent*		
decisions			PSY/CD 461	PSY/CD	PSY/CD 462
made			(special	400*	
			section)		

^{*}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.