

Advice for Psychology Majors who are in the SMBHC

- Follow requirements of the SMBHC regarding requirements for courses and credits needed to continue in the Honors College
- In preparation for your Senior Thesis in the Psychology Department:
 - Take Psy 202 and your core psychology courses as soon as possible so that you can take the lab in Psychology as soon as possible. Ideally, you take the lab in Psychology your sophomore year and you should take it no later than your first semester junior year. (Many Honors students design their Honors study the second semester junior year so you will need to know how to conduct research in psychology prior to doing this.)
 - Get to know psychology professors so that you can find a good fit for an Honors thesis advisor who you believe you will work well with and who will be able to advise you on a topic you find interesting. It would be ideal to work with them as a research or teaching assistant prior to asking them to be your Honors thesis advisor, but that is not required.
 - During your first semester junior year, approach the professor you would like to ask to be your Honors thesis advisor. Ask them if they would be willing to be your advisor and see how they typically work with Honors students so that you can both determine if it would be a good fit and you can plan how to work with them if it is. Some professors will want you to start working on your thesis during your second semester junior year so that you can run the study you designed during your first semester senior year, others may start working with you during your senior year.