To be adopted:

Proposed Changes in Requirements for the Psychology Undergraduate Honors Program

PRESENT

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In general, students should be able to participate for at least five, and preferably all six, quarters of the junior and senior years, and are encouraged to start Honors enrollment in the fall quarter. However, students who will reach junior status in spring may also apply. Students who do not fall within these guidelines should contact the Program Director before requesting or submitting an application.

All interested students . . . . NO CHANGE

Prerequisites

4. Ability to participate for a minimum of five continuous quarters.

Requirements

1. Participation in the Program for a minimum of five continuous quarters.

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In general, students should be able to participate for at least four, and preferably six, quarters during the junior and/or senior years. Students are encouraged to start Honors enrollment in fall quarter.

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Prerequisites

4. Ability to participate for a minimum of four continuous quarters.

Requirements

1. Participation in the Program for a minimum of four continuous quarters.

JUSTIFICATION: In the last several, we have noticed that, for various reasons (e.g., late declaration of major), many students do not have time to adhere to the five-quarter minimum although they meet all the other eligibility requirements. We have allowed such students to participate for only four quarters and have discovered that they do quite well. Such “late declarers” may also become fifth-year seniors and participate in the departmental honors program only in their senior years. The changes in text reflect this possibility.

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