FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION ABOUT THE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM AT CONCORDIA.

How many credits are needed in a Bachelor’s degree at Concordia?
If entering from CEGEP = 90 credits
If entering as a Mature Student = 108 credits
If entering from outside Quebec = 120 credits

What type of degree does the Psychology Department offer?
The Psychology Department offers two types of degrees: BA or BSc, each with different entrance requirements.

BA: Introductory Psychology; Math (Functions & Algebra); General Biology

BSc: Introductory Psychology; General Biology; Math (Calculus I & II)
      General Chemistry I & II; Physics (Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism, Waves & Modern Physics)

What type of program does the Psychology Department offer?

BA: Major
    Specialization
    Honours

BSc: Major
    Specialization
    Specialization with Neuroscience option
    Honours
    Honours with Neuroscience option

What is a Neuroscience Option?
Doing a Neuroscience option is like adding a Minor to your program. Students in the Neuroscience Option take a combination of more advanced Biology, Chemistry and Physics courses, for a total of 21 credits.

How do the programs differ?
The major difference among the programs offered is the number of overall credits that are devoted to Psychology. For example, in a 90 credit degree program, the breakdown would be as follows:

Major: 42 Psychology credits + 48 outside Psychology
Specialization: 60 Psychology credits + 30 outside Psychology
Honours: 66 Psychology credits + 24 outside Psychology

Are there other differences between Specialization and Honours?
In the Honours program, you must maintain a GPA of 3.7 [A- / B+ average], and you must do an Honours thesis.
In the Specialization program, you must maintain a GPA of 3.3 [B average], and you have the option of doing a Specialization project, which is equivalent to an Honours thesis.

Which program is best for grad school?
If you are thinking about going to graduate studies in Psychology, you should consider a Specialization or Honours program. Both will give you a more in-depth exposure to the field of Psychology.

Most graduate programs require that students complete an undergraduate thesis. As mentioned above, this is possible with both the Specialization and Honours programs.

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