

PSYC 492 or BCOG 492: Capstone Undergraduate Research Seminar Academic Year 2025-2026

3 credit hours; Concurrent enrollment in PSYC 494 required; Year-long commitment

PSYC 492 (or BCOG 492) is a two-semester course commitment that is intended for students interested in completing a Bachelor's thesis under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The course, which will provide instruction in scientific writing and oral presentation skills, will help guide students through the steps of thesis completion and submission to the department for consideration of graduation with Distinction, and will culminate with presentation of the student's research findings at the Honor's and Capstone Research Fair in May.

*******Permissions needed to enroll for PSYC 492 or BCOG 492*******

Step One: Student Expectations and Understanding:

- ✓ PSYC 492 (or BCOG 492) is a two-semester commitment. I will concurrently enroll in PSYC 494: Advanced Research in Psychology during the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters.
- ✓ I will write a Bachelor's thesis based on the research I perform in my PSYC 494 lab. That research project should be underway by the start of the Fall 2025 semester.
- ✓ I must have permission from my PSYC 494 supervising faculty indicating their agreement to supervise my research and my Bachelor's thesis.
- ✓ I must contact the faculty coordinator of Capstone to seek their approval for enrolling in PSYC 492 (or BCOG 492)
- ✓ I must have an overall GPA of 3.0 at graduation to be eligible to earn Distinction in Psychology or BCOG

Name:	UIN:	Faculty supervisor for thesis and PSYC 494:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
**I understand the expectations of participating in the Capstone Undergraduate Research Seminar.		
**I have read the Bachelor's Thesis guidance document (https://psychology.illinois.edu/guidelines-creating-and-submitting-thesis) and I understand the requirements and expectations for the thesis.		
Student Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>

Step Two: Submit PSYC 494 Research On-Line Approval Form -

https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/psych/Advising/PSYC_494_Approval_Form/

Step Three: Obtain Thesis Supervision Approval from Faculty

I agree to supervise the senior thesis to be completed by April 15, 2026. I understand that the student should have a project underway, and ideally be collecting data, by the start of the Fall semester.		
Faculty Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>

Step Four: Obtain Capstone coordinator interview/permission

Contact Prof. Gulley to for a signature and/or an interview appointment: jgulley@illinois.edu

**Student has my permission to enroll for PSYC 492 (or BCOG 492)		
PSYC 492 Coordinator Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>

Step Five: Return Completed Form to Psychology Advising Office - psych-advising@illinois.edu