

Request to Enrol in PSYC*3240 – Personal Statement

I am currently in my third year of a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree, with minors in psychology and neuroscience, and am interested in completing an independent study course in Dr. Naseem Al-Aidroos' Visual Cognitive Neuroscience lab. Although various classes taken throughout the completion of my degree have provided me with a theoretical understanding of research in the cognitive neurosciences, I am eager to supplement my knowledge with a more practical understanding of research conducted in a real lab setting. I am also particularly interested in the work conducted in Dr. Al-Aidroos' lab, specifically related to attention and the processing of visual information, and I believe that participating in this branch of psychological research will be a valuable way for me to integrate and enhance my understanding of both my psychology and neuroscience minors. I also hope to strengthen my research abilities and to receive constructive feedback on my verbal and written communication skills in a professional setting in preparation for graduate studies.

I have received high grades in several classes at the university that I believe will contribute to my successful completion of an independent study project in Dr. Al-Aidroos' lab, including Introductory Research Methods (94%) and Principles of Sensation and Perception (91%) and have also received a place on the Dean's Honours List from Fall 2014-Fall 2016. I am very excited for the opportunity to work in the Visual Cognitive Neuroscience lab and for the chance supplement my education through the completion of an independent study course.