What is Honors?

- University Honors
  - Phase I
  - Phase II

- Departmental Honors
  - Junior & Senior Years
Why Participate in Honors?

1. It is fun (no really)!
2. Conduct research
3. Test a new hypothesis developed with a faculty member
4. Graduate school applications
5. Receive mentoring from a faculty member
Departmental Honors Requirements

1. GPA = 3.0

2. 2 Upper Division Psychology Courses for honors credit
   ○ Via the Honors Contract
   ○ [http://www.niu.edu/psyc/undergrad/honors.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/psyc/undergrad/honors.shtml)
3. Honors Thesis
   - PSYC499H for 2 semesters, 3 hours each semester
   - Develop a research proposal with a faculty mentor in semester 1
   - Write a thesis and defend before the UCC in semester 2
Examples from last year

- “Examining the effects of goals and feedback from a computer-based tutor”

- “Using Curriculum-Based Measurement to Monitor Potential Achievement Gaps”
University Honors

- Please see the University Honors Program, Campus Life Building 110

http://www.honors.niu.edu/honors/ or
815-753-0694
General Overview

1. 12 hours upper division honors courses
2. GPA = 3.2
3. Senior seminar outside of major
4. Capstone Project/Senior Thesis
Examples from last year

- “The Impact of Childhood Abuse and Neglect on Adults and Partner Violence”
- “A Meta-Analytic Review of the Relationship Between Organizational Climates and Work Outcomes”
- “Effective Methods of Preventing and Reducing Bullying in Schools”
- “Second Language Acquisition and the Effectiveness of Different Methods of Studying Languages”
- “Students' Comprehension of Reasoning in Scientific Argumentation Texts”