PSYCHOLOGY, PHD

Department of Psychology, College of Arts & Sciences

Our PhD programs prepare students for applied, research, or teaching positions in the areas of Developmental Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Neuroscience and Behavior.

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Admissions
Application Deadlines
• Fall: January 5

Program-Specific Requirements
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
• Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
  • From professors and individuals who can speak to the applicant’s potential for success in a graduate program.
• Statement of Purpose
• Writing Sample (preferred APA style)
• Resume

Degree Requirements
Concentrations
Student must select an area of concentration.

Students have ten (10) years to complete the PhD in Psychology from the time of filing a program of study.

Total Credit Hours: 90

Concentrations
Industrial/Organizational Psychology Concentration
Noted courses are required as part of our MA concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. These courses or their equivalent will be required for students who have earned their MA from another institution.

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Included in MA Concentration in Industrial/Organization Psychology

Breadth Requirement
From list provided by area

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Statistics and Methods Courses

Required Industrial/Organizational Courses

Included in MA Concentration in Industrial/Organization Psychology

Core Industrial/Organizational Courses

Topical Seminar

Practicum

Research Other than Thesis

Thesis

Dissertation

Electives

Any course that is not required can serve as an elective as approved by the chair of the PhD committee. It is recommended that one course be taken outside the psychology department.

1. PSYC 9070: (May be waived and replaced)
2. PSYC 8000: (required)
3. Require all 4; 1 course taken as part of the MA
4. PSYC 9030: (topics will change); 2 required
5. PSYC 9950: (6 hours required for PhD); cannot be taken until AFTER completion of MA thesis
6. 6 hours required.

Developmental Psychology Concentration

Required Courses

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PSYC 9530 COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT  3
PSYC 8900 PROBLEMS IN PSYCHOLOGY  1-6

**Additional Psychology Coursework**
Select at least 12 hours from the following (must include at least one additional Proseminar course):
 PSYC 9070 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
 PSYC 9230 PROSEMINAR: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
 PSYC 9430 PROSEMINAR: PERSONALITY
 PSYC 9440 PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
 PSYC 9520 LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
 PSYC 9540 MEMORY AND MECHANISM OF DEVELOPMENT
 PSYC 9590 SEMINAR IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
 PSYC 9040 PROSEMINAR LEARNING  2
 PSYC 8446 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
 PSYC 8526 PSYCHOLINGUISTICS
 PSYC 9210 PROSEMINAR: PERCEPTION
 PSYC 9290 SEMINAR IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY
 PSYC/GERO 9460 SEMINAR IN AGING AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR
 PSYC 9600 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

**Methods, Design and Evaluation Coursework**
Select at least 12 hour from the following:
Required:
 PSYC 9650 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY
 Eligible courses:
 PSYC 9510 RESEARCH METHODS IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
 PSYC 8316 PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL TESTING
 PSYC 8520 FOUNDATIONS OF ASSESSMENT
 PSYC 9320 SEMINAR IN PROGRAM EVALUATION
 PSYC 9090 THEORY OF MEASUREMENT AND DESIGN
 SOC 8060 ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODS

**Statistical Analysis Coursework**
Select at least 12 hours from the following:
Required:
 PSYC 9010 PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS I
 PSYC 9020 PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS II
 Eligible courses:
 PSYC 8140 NONPARAMETRIC STATISTICS
 PSYC 9120 MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
 GERO 8356 ISSUES IN AGING  3
 PSYC 9910 TOPICAL SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY

**Human Diversity Coursework**
PSYC 8590 PSYCHOLOGY OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  3
Course in Cross-Cultural Development  3

**Elective Coursework**
Select at least 12 hours of Elective Coursework. Students will also find eligible courses in (among other disciplines):
 Child, Youth, and Family Studies
 Sociology/Anthropology
 Gerontology
 Latino/Latin American Studies

**Empirical Research Coursework**
PSYC 9960 RESEARCH OTHER THAN THESIS  3-6

**Included in MA Concentration in Industrial/Organization Psychology**
PSYC 8990 THESIS  4
PSYC 9990 PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION  5

1 PSYC 8900: Readings, Presentation, Review Paper
2 PSYC 9040: (in conjunction with MMI)
3 PSYC 9960: (at least 3 hours)
4 PSYC 8990: (6 hours; required for Master’s degree)
5 PSYC 9990: (12-24 hours)

Every student must complete a two-party qualifying examination consisting of:
- Psychology readings including a written and oral examination across domains
- Grant Proposal OR Course Development (child development, adolescent development or lifespan development)

Additionally, each student is expected to demonstrate proficiency with at least one research tool.

**Neuroscience and Behavior Concentration**

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<td>12 hours in graduate-level courses in biological and behavioral sciences</td>
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**Electives**
To be determined by the student’s supervisory committee  15

**Exit Requirement**
PSYC 9990 PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION (12-30 Hours Required)  

1 PSYC 9990: (12-30 hours)

**Exit Requirements for each Concentration**
- Comprehensive Examination
- Dissertation

**Special Performance Quality Rule**
If at any time a grade of “C”, (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in graduate courses become a matter of record, a graduate student in the Department of Psychology will be placed on probation. An unexcused grade of “W” in a proseminar course will be considered equivalent to a grade of “C” for purposes of this policy. An excused “W” must be approved by the chair of the department of psychology. Students placed on this probation will forfeit any departmental graduate assistantship they may have and any approved programs of study will be subject to re-evaluation and change. Before registering for additional courses, a student placed on probation must, with the assistance and approval of his/her advisor, submit a plan for remediation of his/her academic problems, and have that plan approved by the Graduate Program Committee. The Graduate Program Committee will review and, if appropriate, modify the plan. Further, any enrollment in graduate courses must be approved by the Graduate Program Committee. The student will remain on probation until the Graduate Program Committee approves termination of probation status. If a student earns a second “C”, the student will be dismissed from the program and the GPC will work to come up with a plan, and evaluate if it is possible for the student to return to the program at some point.