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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Program Website (http://www.unomaha.edu/psych/)

Admissions
Application Deadlines (Fall 2021)
• Fall: January 10

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
Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, OR a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list (https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/Proof%20of%20English%20Proficiency-%20International.pdf), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
  • A minimum TOEFL score of 550 paper-based; 80 internet-based; 53 PTE, or 6.5 IELTS is required for this program.

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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(Required)
PSYC 9440 PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 3
Select one of the following:
PSYC 9020 PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS II 3
PSYC 9080 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY 3

Included in MA concentration in industrial/organization psychology
PSYC 9210 PROSEMINAR: PERCEPTION 3

Breadth Requirement
From list provided by area
Included in MA concentration in industrial/organization psychology
PSYC 9070 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY 1
PSYC 8000 THE PROFESSION OF PSYCHOLOGY 2 0

Statistics and Methods Courses
PSYC 9320 SEMINAR IN PROGRAM EVALUATION 3

Required industrial/organizational courses
Included in MA concentration in industrial/organization psychology
PSYC 9610 INDUSTRIAL MOTIVATION & MORALE 3

Core industrial/organizational courses 3
PSYC 9620 INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 3
PSYC 9630 LEADERSHIP THEORIES AND RESEARCH 3
PSYC 9640 PROBLEM SOLVING & DECISION MAKING 3
PSYC 9650 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY 3
PSYC 9120 MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS 3

Topical Seminar
PSYC 9030 SEMINAR: TOPICS IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY 3-9

Practicum
PSYC 9950 PRACTICUM FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS 5 1-6

Research Other than Thesis
PSYC 9960 RESEARCH OTHER THAN THESIS 6 1-12

Thesis
PSYC 8990 THESIS 6 6

Dissertation
PSYC 9990 PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION 12-24

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.
Developmental Psychology Concentration

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Additional Psychology Coursework
Select at least 12 hours from the following (must include at least one additional proseminar course):

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<td>DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: RESEARCH AND PRACTICE</td>
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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           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

Course in Cross-Cultural Development

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 1-12

Included in MA concentration

PSYC 9990          THESIS ⁴ 6
PSYC 9990          PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION ⁵ 12-24

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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12 hours in graduate-level courses in biological and behavioral sciences

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.