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
General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/)

Program-Specific Requirements
Application Deadlines (Fall 2022)
• Fall: January 10

Other Requirements
• Entrance Exam: Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
• English Language Proficiency: 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.
  • Statement of Purpose
  • Writing Sample (preferred APA style)
  • Resume
  • Letters of Recommendation: Three letters of recommendation are required from professors and individuals who can speak to the applicant’s potential for success in a graduate 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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Core industrial/organizational courses

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Research Other than Thesis

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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):

PSYC 9070 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 9230 PROSEMINAR: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
PSYC 9430 PROSEMINAR: PERSONALITY
PSYC 9440 PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 9040 PROSEMINAR LEARNING
PSYC 8446 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 8526 PSYCHOLINGUISTICS
PSYC/GERO 9460 SEMINAR IN AGING AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

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 PSYCHOMETRIC THEORY
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 9120 MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
GERO 8356 ISSUES IN AGING
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

Select at least 12 hours in graduate-level courses in biological and behavioral sciences

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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

Select at least 12 hour from the following:

Required:

PSYC 9990 PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION (12-30 Hours Required)

Electives

To be determined by the student’s supervisory committee

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.