PSYCHOLOGY, PHD

Department of Psychology, College of Arts & Sciences

The PhD program in psychology prepares 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 2023)
• Fall: January 10

Other Requirements
• Entrance Exam: Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
  • Due to COVID-19, the reporting of GRE scores is OPTIONAL for those applying to the PhD Program. All applications will be reviewed whether or not GRE scores are included.
• 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.

Code | Title | Credits
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PSYC 8000 | THE PROFESSION OF PSYCHOLOGY | 0

Statistics and Methods Courses (one of the following)

PSYC 9120 | MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS | 3
PSYC 9910 | TOPICAL SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY (With Approval) | 3

Included in MA concentration in industrial/organization psychology

Breadth Requirement
From list provided by area

Included in MA concentration in industrial/organization psychology

Statistics and Methods Courses (one of the following)

PSYC 9010 | PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS I | 3
PSYC 9020 | PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS II | 3
PSYC 9090 | PSYCHOMETRIC THEORY | 3
PSYC 9650 | RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY | 3

Required industrial/organizational courses

Included in MA concentration in industrial/organization psychology

Core industrial/organizational courses

PSYC 9610 | MOTIVATION & MORALE | 3
PSYC 9620 | TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT | 3
PSYC 9630 | LEADERSHIP THEORIES AND RESEARCH | 3
PSYC 9680 | GROUPS AND TEAMS | 3

Topical Seminar

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

Practicum

PSYC 9950 | PRACTICUM FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS | 1-6

Research Other than Thesis

PSYC 9960 | RESEARCH OTHER THAN THESIS | 1-12

Thesis

PSYC 8990 | THESIS | 6

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

Developmental Psychology Concentration

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<td>PSYC 9560</td>
<td>PROSEMINAR: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY</td>
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Additional Psychology Coursework
Select at least 12 hours from the following (must include at least one additional proseminar course):

- PSYC 8446 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC 8526 PSYCHOLOGY OF LANGUAGE
- PSYC 9040 PROSEMINAR LEARNING ²
- PSYC 9070 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC 9230 PROSEMINAR: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
- PSYC 9430 PROSEMINAR: PERSONALITY
- PSYC 9440 PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC/GERO 9460 SEMINAR IN AGING AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

Methods, Design and Evaluation Coursework
Select at least 12 hour from the following:

Required:
- PSYC 8316 PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL TESTING
- PSYC 8520 FOUNDATIONS OF ASSESSMENT
- PSYC 9510 RESEARCH METHODS IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC 9650 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Eligible courses:
- PSYC 9090 PSYCHOMETRIC THEORY
- PSYC 9320 SEMINAR IN PROGRAM EVALUATION
- 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
- PSYC 9910 TOPICAL SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY
- GERO 8356 ISSUES IN AGING ³

Human Diversity Coursework

Neuroscience and Behavior Concentration

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<td>PSYCHOLOGY OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN</td>
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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

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Included in MA concentration

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<td>PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION ⁵</td>
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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.

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.