PhD in Psychology

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Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: December 1
• Minimum GPA: 3.0
• Minimum GRE score: no minimum, subject test is strongly recommended
• Minimum TOEFL scores:
  - Internet-based test (iBT) score of 80
  - Paper-based test (PBT) score of 550
An interview is required for admission. Students earn an MA en route to the PhD, but we do not admit students seeking a terminal master's degree.

Most students accepted have an undergraduate major in psychology or its equivalent. Acceptance is based on training, quality of work, recommendations, GRE scores and other information. For additional information on admission requirements, consult Graduate Study in Psychology and Associated Fields, published annually by the American Psychological Association and available in most libraries.

Required Application Materials
Note: Submit all application materials directly to the Office of Graduate Studies
• Graduate School online application including:
  • Faculty interest document (available at department website)
  • Statement of purpose
  • Writing sample
  • Three letters of recommendation
  • One unofficial copy of each college transcript where a degree was earned or is pending
  • Official GRE score report (subject test report recommended)
  • Official TOEFL score (if applicable)

PhD Degree Completion Requirements
The PhD qualifying examination requirement is satisfied by successful completion of the MA degree. A master’s degree with an empirical thesis is required for doctoral study. The master’s with thesis is typically completed as part of a student’s normal progress through the doctoral program.

Plan of Study
General requirements for the PhD include nine hours of distribution courses, 11 hours in statistics, 24 hours in the area of concentration, other elective courses, and research. Students must earn 83 hours to graduate with the PhD. Practica, internship and additional course work are required for the clinical program. Other requirements include a dissertation and comprehensive and final oral examinations. More detailed information about the rules and regulations for degree completion can be found in the Department of Psychological Sciences Graduate Student Handbook.

Financial Aid from the Program
Financial aid is available through departmental research and teaching assistantships and from university fellowships.