

# PhD in Psychology with Emphasis in Developmental Psychology

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Developmental psychology is the scientific study of social, cognitive, and physical development over time. The Developmental Psychology doctoral program offers a strong background in statistics and research methodology and intensive research mentoring. Graduate students engage in research with their primary advisor beginning in their first semester in the program and take supporting coursework.

## Degree Requirements

- 83 total hours of coursework
- Distribution courses from four different content area, including abnormal psychology, biological foundations, cognition and learning, developmental psychology, motivation and personality, and social psychology (12 hours)
- Training area courses (24 hours)
- Statistics (9 hours)
- Ethics and Professional Issues (1 hour)
- Completion of Masters
- Completion of comprehensive examination
- A written doctoral dissertation
- Oral examination on thesis research

## Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the PhD in Psychology program (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/degreecategory/psychology/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Before official admissions to the University of Missouri, your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied.