

Psychological Clinical Science

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Degree Offered: Ph.D.

Application Deadline: February 1

Test Requirements: GRE

English Proficiency TOEFL ibT 100

Requirements: IELTS 7

Program Description

The primary purpose of this program is to prepare students for careers in academic or research settings. Thus, a major emphasis is on research training. We hope to train researchers who will contribute to psychological knowledge through the investigation of clinically relevant issues, including basic research on the nature, etiology, and course of health related problems or psychological disorders, as well as applied research which investigates the prevention and treatment of health and mental health problems.

Admissions Criteria

When making admissions decisions grades, GRE scores, research experience, letters of recommendation (preferably from faculty who can comment on your research skills and academic potential), and the personal statement are considered. To the extent that an applicant has a strong background in psychology, including coursework in statistics, research methods, abnormal psychology, and personality and good research experience, this will be an advantage.

Applicants who already have a master's degree will be judged by the same criteria. For applicants with a master's degree, credit towards the doctorate will depend on how well previous course work matches with our own requirements.

Campus visits or interviews are not required, however, the department may arrange for a visit via phone or internet video with top candidates.

Applications are due by February 1 in order to receive full consideration for admission in the upcoming academic year. Admission decisions will be made by mid-March. Applications are reviewed once a year and students are admitted for fall semester only.

Students are required to gain a breadth of knowledge in the foundations of psychology through courses in biological, cognitive, and social bases of behavior. Coursework in research methods and statistics, assessment, psychopathology, health, and interventions comprise the clinical portion of the curriculum.

Practica at local hospitals, clinics, and mental health agencies provide supervised experience in service delivery and applied research. This is a full-time program and will take 5 years, including internship, to complete.

Evaluation and Intervention

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Four courses cover content related to the history of clinical psychology, ethics, psychopathology, and current empirically supported approaches to assessment and treatment.

PSYC 755 Empirically Supported Interventions I

PSYC 756 Empirically Supported Interventions II

PSYC 770 Testing and Assessment

Choose one course on current theories and research on psychopathology with a focus either on adulthood or childhood.

PSYC 672 Advanced Psychopathology

PSYC 673 Child Psychopathology and Therapy

PSYC 758 Diversity in Clinical Psychology 3

PSYC 795 Field Experience (Clinical Training) 16

PSYC 794 Practicum/Internship 2

Fundamentals of Psychology and Breadth

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One course from each of three core categories to include an option for the biological basis of behavior, the cognitive basis of behavior, and the social basis of behavior. These courses are for breadth. Students may choose the particular courses and may take additional elective courses to supplement their knowledge and research skills in Health, Social, Cognition, or Vision.

Biological Basis of Behavior

PSYC 660 Sensation & Perception

PSYC 665 Psychobiology

PSYC 686 Neuropsychology

PSYC 718 Visual Neuroscience

Cognitive Basis of Behavior

PSYC 661 Memory and Knowledge

PSYC 664 Attention & Thinking

PSYC 720 Advanced Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience

Social Basis of Behavior

PSYC 653 Organizational Psychology

PSYC 670 Experimental Social Psychology

PSYC 771 Social/Health Psychology Research

PSYC 787 Advanced Social Psychology and Health

Research Training

PSYC 793 Individual Study/Tutorial 6

PSYC 798 Master's Thesis 1-10

or PSYC 899 Doctoral Dissertation

Three courses on research methods

PSYC 640 Experimental Methods

PSYC 761 Applied Research Methods

PSYC 762 Advanced Research Methods and Analysis

PSYC 790 Graduate Seminar 8

Teaching Requirement

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One course and seminar in college teaching.

COMM 702 Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences

PSYC 791 Temporary/Trial Topics

PSYC 794 Practicum/Internship

James R. Council, Ph.D.

University of Connecticut, 1984

Field: Clinical; Personality, Assessment, Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis

Keith Donohue, Ph.D.

Florida State University, 2011

Field: Clinical; Substance Abuse, Research Methods, and Teaching

Robert Dvorak, Ph.D.

University of South Dakota, 2012

Field: Clinical; Self-Regulation, Health, and Addiction

Kathryn Gordon, Ph.D.

Florida State University, 2008

Field: Clinical; Disordered Eating, Suicidal Behavior

Wendy P. Gordon, Ph.D.

University of Illinois at UrbanaChampaign, 2002

Field: Child Development, Social Development and Peer Relations

Clayton Hilmert, Ph.D.

University of California at San Diego, 2003

Field: Health/Social; Stress, Psychophysiology, and Health

Paul D. Rokke, Ph.D.

University of Houston, 1985

Field: Clinical; Psychopathology