

# Psychological Clinical Science

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## Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**  
January 15
- **Degrees Offered:**  
Ph.D.
- **Test Requirement:**  
GRE
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL iBT 100; IELTS 7

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## 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.

When making admission 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 course work 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 the program requirements.

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

Applications are due by January 15 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. Course work in research methods and statistics, assessment, psychopathology, health, and interventions comprise the clinical portion of the curriculum.

Practicums 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 five years, including internship, to complete.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Evaluation and Intervention</b>		13
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	

PSYC 795	(Clinical Training)	
PSYC 794		
<b>Fundamentals of Psychology and Breadth</b>		<b>9</b>
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	
<b>Research Training</b>		
PSYC 793		
PSYC 798		
	or PSYC 899	
Three courses on research methods		
PSYC 640	Experimental Methods	
PSYC 761	Applied Research Methods	
PSYC 762	Advanced Research Methods and Analysis	
PSYC 790	(8 total credits)	
<b>Teaching Requirement</b>		<b>4</b>
One course and seminar in college teaching.		
COMM 702	Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
PSYC 791		
PSYC 794		

**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

**Clayton Hilmert, Ph.D.**

University of California at San Diego, 2003

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

**Leah Irish, Ph.D.**

Kent State University, 2011

Field: Health/Social; Health Behaviors, Sleep, Stress

**Michael D. Robinson, Ph.D.**

University of California Davis, 1996

Field: Social/Personality Affective Processes

**Paul D. Rokke, Ph.D.**

University of Houston, 1985

Field: Clinical; Psychopathology