

Psychology Doctorate

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/psychology (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/psychology/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/psychology (<http://ndsu.edu/psychology/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
January 15
- **Credential Offered:**
Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 105

Apply Now (https://ndsugrad.my.site.com/Application/TX_SiteLogin/?startURL=/Application/TargetX_Portal__PB)

1. Complete a master's degree in Psychology. This may be done at NDSU or elsewhere.
2. Complete at least 90 hours of graduate credit, including those completed for the master's degree;
 - 60 or more of these credits must be earned at NDSU.
 - 31 or more credit hours must be in approved didactic courses
 - at least 15 must be at the 700 level.
3. Prepare and submit a research grant or fellowship application under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Register for 1-3 credits of PSYC 893 - Grant Writing Experience during the semester you prepare and submit your application. Proposals may be submitted to any sponsor requesting funds for tuition/stipend, research supplies, or other research expenses (e.g., participant payment, software, consultants). There is no minimum amount of funding request required, and the proposal must be submitted but need not be funded.
4. Complete a major area paper to serve as the comprehensive exam for Ph.D. candidacy. The area paper will be a comprehensive literature review of the student's area of research and will include an oral defense.
5. Complete the dissertation. The student will defend a written proposal before their supervisory committee, conduct an original research project, and complete a comprehensive written report on the project. The student will complete a final oral defense before the same committee.

Code	Title	Credits
Quantitative and Research Methods		9
PSYC 640	Experimental Methods	
PSYC 761	Applied Research Methods	
PSYC 762	Advanced Research Methods and Analysis	
Core Areas of Psychology		12
PSYC 720	Advanced Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSYC 731	Advanced Topics in Cognition	
PSYC 771	Advanced Topics in Social Psychology	
PSYC 787	Advanced Topics in Health Psychology	
Grant Writing in Psychology		3
PSYC 763	Grant Writing for Psychological Scientists	
College Teaching		3
COMM 702 or STEM 810	Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences Teaching College Science	
Electives - Minimum of four didactic graduate level elective courses from Psychology or other department.		4
Teaching of Psychology		5
PSYC 892	(All students will teach a full semester undergraduate course in psychology for which they should enroll for 5 credits of PSYC 892)	1-6
Submit a grant or fellowship application under the supervision of a faculty mentor.		1-3
PSYC 893	(Grant Writing Experience)	

Research

PSYC 899

- Students who have not previously received a master's degree in Psychology or a related field, typically complete the requirements for the M.S. degree in the first two years of their Ph.D. program training at NDSU.

Admission and Application Requirements

Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.

- Students are not admitted for the sole pursuit of a terminal master's degree.