Developmental Science

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  February 1

- **Credential Offered:**
  Ph.D.

- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  TOEFL iBT 100 (subscores of at least 24 for speaking and 21 for writing); IELTS 7; Duolingo 125

Developmental Science is an interdisciplinary approach to the study of behavioral, psychological, and social aspects of human development that draws from fields including Human Development and Family Science and Developmental Psychology. Developmental Science entails the study of human development across the lifespan, integrating the biological, cognitive, and socioemotional underpinnings of development, and incorporating the familial, social, institutional, and cultural contexts in which development occurs.