



Psychology Department Profile

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The department offers graduate training leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in psychology. Specialization in the fields of biological and health psychology, clinical psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, and social psychology is available, along with joint programs in clinical/developmental and clinical/health psychology. A specialization in cognitive/neuroscience is also available.

In 2014 we had 449 applicants and 16 enrollees. On average 79% are women, 19% are first generation college students, and 29% self-identify as a member of a racial/ethnic minority group.

The distribution of current graduate students across program is:

Bio-Health 6%

Clinical - 43%

Cognitive - 31%

Developmental - 10%

Social - 8%

Individualized program – 2%

*The individualized program is no longer available in the department.

On average we grant 10 PhDs per year.

Our average PhD time to degree is 6.8 years, including the internship year. On average, 18% of our students have exited training without a PhD.

Recent MA/MS/Ph.D.'s Placements:

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Carnegie Mellon University

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Northern Illinois University

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of California at San Francisco

Postdoctoral Fellowship, CMU

Postdoctoral Fellowship, UCLA

Postdoctoral Fellowship, UPMC

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Postdoctoral Fellowship, Duke University Medical Center

Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Colorado, Denver

Postdoctoral Fellowship, VA Puget Sound Healthcare System, Seattle

Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic

Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Institute for Cognitive Therapy, New York, NY

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

Postdoctoral Fellow and Instructor, VA Medical Center, Baylor University, Houston, TX

Senior Evaluation Specialist, Camber Corporation, Orlando, FL

Admissions Requirements:

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- 12 semester credits in psychology, including statistics and a laboratory course in research methods ;
- At least 1 year of college mathematics, including calculus
- Applicants to the clinical program must have completed one course in Abnormal Psychology

- Additional research experience is highly desirable for all programs (most applicants to the clinical program have had volunteer or internship experience as well as research experience)
- GRE Scores
- International Applicants must submit TOEFL Scores

Admission Deadline: December 1st

<p>Average GPA of Entering Students: 3.66</p> <p>Average GRE's of Entering Students: Verbal 84% Quantitative 69% Analytical 71%</p> <p>Is the GRE Subject Test Required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (specify) Yes, for Clinical applicants only</p> <p>Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:</p> <p>⇒ Part-Time Study? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⇒ Evening/Weekend Study? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:</p> <p>Part-Time: 0 Full-Time: 72</p>	<p>Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50% <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99% <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>How many years of support guaranteed from department: 4 Years</p> <p>Are Departmental Awards Available to Master's Degree Students? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Special Program Highlights:</p> <p>The psychology department offers a rich and dynamic intellectual community with outstanding opportunities to study human behavior at many levels of analysis, multiple ages and abilities, and using state-of-the-art methods and procedures. Our eight graduate training programs permit students to pursue both basic and applied research. As an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution, we encourage applications from socially and economically underrepresented groups.</p> <p>Current Research Interests of Department's Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Addictive Behavior and Psychopharmacology ⇒ Adolescence ⇒ Aggression and Violence ⇒ Aging ⇒ Attention Processes ⇒ Autism Spectrum Disorder ⇒ Behavior Genetics ⇒ Bilingualism ⇒ Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine ⇒ Cognitive or Affective Neuroscience ⇒ Concepts, Concept Acquisition ⇒ Emotions, Emotional Development, Motivation ⇒ Family Processes in Development ⇒ Group, Intergroup, and Collaborative Processes ⇒ Instruction, Assessment, Achievement ⇒ Language Processes ⇒ Learning, Problem-solving, Reasoning ⇒ Memory Processes ⇒ Poverty and Socioeconomic Disadvantage ⇒ Psychoneuroimmunology & Behavioral Oncology ⇒ Psychopathology, Behavior Problems ⇒ Psychophysiology
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- ⇒ Seasonal Affective Disorders
- ⇒ Sensory and Perceptual Processes
- ⇒ Social Cognition
- ⇒ Goals & Motivation
- ⇒ Social Interaction and Social Influence Processes
- ⇒ Close relationships
- ⇒ Self-disclosure and self-esteem
- ⇒ Interpersonal communication

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