PhD in Educational Psychology

Admission Requirements
Applicants are considered on an individual basis. Applicants must submit transcripts from the last 60 hours of undergraduate work and from all postbaccalaureate work. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study and for all postbaccalaureate course work.
- **Tests Required** GRE General. Minimum of 300 on combined Verbal and Quantitative.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - TOEFL 550 (paper-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Internet-based), or equivalent. **Note:** Total score is higher than the sum of the subscores. **OR,**
  - IELTS 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, or equivalent. **OR,**
  - PTE-Academic 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three letters from faculty members or others familiar with the applicant’s previous academic training, academic and research ability, and experience are required.
- **Personal Statement** This required statement must address the applicant’s professional and scholarly goals.
- **Other Requirements** A College of Education application form and a set of transcripts must be submitted.
- **Admission Deadlines** Application deadlines for this program are listed on the Graduate College website at http://grad.uic.edu/ deadlines.

Degree Requirements
In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 97 from the baccalaureate or 65 hours beyond the master’s degree.
- **Course Work**

**College Core (12 semester hours)**

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**Methodology Requirement (12 semester hours)**

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<td>ED 502</td>
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**Area of Emphasis**
At least 16 semester hours of approved courses, selected in consultation with the faculty advisor, are required. A minimum of 16 hours is taken in this area of emphasis if the student has a master’s degree, 52 hours if admitted without a master’s degree.

- **Preliminary Examination** A three-step process involving a written examination, dissertation proposal, and oral defense of the student’s readiness to complete a dissertation is required.
- **Dissertation** 12 semester hours: Students are required to register for doctoral thesis research for at least 12 semester hours.
- **Other Requirements** 4 semester hours in the course EPSY 593. Students participate in a research project in collaboration with a faculty member or a team of faculty members and students. Students must complete a training course sponsored by the Office for the Vice Chancellor for Research on the ethics of conducting research with human subjects. Students are required to submit an annual report of their academic and professional progress.

Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women’s Studies
Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in a concentration in Gender and Women’s Studies after consulting with their graduate advisor. See Gender and Women’s Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/gws-conc) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section of the catalog for more information.

Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Survey Research Methodology
Students earning a doctoral degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in a concentration in Survey Research Methodology. See Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Survey Research Methodology (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/graduate-college/srm-conc) in the Graduate College section for more information.

Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies
Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in a concentration in Violence Studies after consulting with their graduate advisor. See Violence Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/vios-conc)
in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section or the Jane Addams College of Social Work section for more information.