

# PhD in Psychology

## Admission Requirements

The department accepts only applicants who wish to be candidates for the PhD. Applicants are not admitted as candidates for the MA as a terminal degree. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions. Prior academic work must include course work in psychology and statistics. It is preferred that students have laboratory course work in experimental psychology and physical and/or biological sciences.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.20/4.00 for the last 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate work.
- **Tests Required** GRE General. GRE Subject Test in Psychology is recommended, but not required. While applicants may have had their official GRE scores mailed to UIC from ETS, the application requires an uploaded copy of the unofficial GRE score report from ETS.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - **TOEFL** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **OR**,
  - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required from those who are familiar with the applicant's training and ability. Information concerning an applicant's research experience and ability is especially pertinent.
- **Personal Statement** Required. This should include information about how the applicant has prepared for graduate school in Psychology, research experience and interests, what the applicant would like to do as a research psychologist, and who the applicant would like to work with as a faculty advisor. There is no minimum or maximum length for the personal statement.
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must complete all forms contained in the department's online application however, "Miscellaneous Academic Documents" are optional and not required for the application to be processed.
- **Nondegree Applicants** Rarely accepted. Nondegree applicants must submit all credentials and meet the same admission requirements as degree applicants. The department only accepts nondegree applicants who have exceptional credentials and who desire to take a few specific courses for professional purposes. Nondegree students may not take teaching practicum or individual study courses. Nondegree students will not be admitted to the degree program at a later time.
- **Deadlines** [Application deadlines](#) for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

## Degree Requirements

### Master of Arts

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Course Work** At least 9 semester hours must be in one of the five divisions. The exact program will be established by the area.

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#### Required Courses

PSCH 543	Research Design and Analysis
PSCH 545	Multivariate Analysis
PSCH 591	Research Apprenticeship (5 hours)

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis required. No other options are available.

## Doctor of Philosophy

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 from the baccalaureate.
- **Course Work** The specific distribution of courses will depend on the student's area of interest; students must complete the major in one of the five areas as well as a minor requirement.

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#### Required Courses

PSCH 543	Research Design and Analysis
PSCH 545	Multivariate Analysis

- **Preliminary Examination** Required; the examination depends on the major and minor.
- **Dissertation** Required.

## Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- [Black Studies](#)
- [Gender and Women's Studies](#)
- [Latin American and Latino Studies](#)
- [Neuroscience](#)
- [Violence Studies](#)