Admission and Degree Requirements

- MA in Psychology (see listing for PhD in Psychology)
- PhD in Psychology

PSCH 417. Psychology and Law. 3 hours.
Application of psychological theories to the development, operation and effects of law; evaluation of different and similar approaches of law and psychology. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): PSCH 312 or consent of instructor.

PSCH 420. Advanced Social Development of Children in an Urban Context. 3 or 4 hours.
Examines some general principles of children’s (3-14 years old) social development and socialization and the applicability of these principles for urban-dwelling children. Course Information: Same as EPSY 420. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

PSCH 422. Advanced Developmental Psychology and Educational Processes. 3 hours.
Focuses on cognitive and social development from birth to early adolescence. Examines relations between development, learning, and educational processes. Course Information: Same as ED 422. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 100 and any one from EPSY 210, PSCH 259, PSCH 320 and consent of the instructor; or graduate standing.

PSCH 423. Characteristics of Early Adolescence. 3 hours.
Physiological, social, emotional and cognitive development of early adolescence. The relationship between these developmental characteristics and success in the middle grades. Course Information: Same as EPSY 446. Prerequisite(s): Admission to a program in psychology or education; or approval of the College of Education or consent of the instructor, EPSY 210 or EPSY 255 or ED 421 or ED 422.

PSCH 424. Social and Emotional Learning: Research, Practice, and Policy. 3 or 4 hours.
Research, theory, educational practices, and federal/state policies that promote the social, emotional, and academic competence of students who are in preschool, middle school, or high school. Course Information: Same as EPSY 446. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 343 or equivalent; or consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Experience working with children or adolescents.

PSCH 429. Constructivist Approaches to Development: Piaget and Vygotsky. 3 hours.
Piaget’s and Vygotsky’s theories of development of knowledge. Empirical and logico-mathematical forms of knowledge. Thought and action. Thought and language. Course Information: Same as EPSY 429. Prerequisite(s): EPSY 255 or EPSY 426 or ED 422; and senior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 443. Advanced Statistics. 3 hours.
Design and analysis of experiments: between, within factorial and mixed factorial designs and introduction to multiple regression. For students planning research careers or advanced degrees. Course Information: 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 343. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture.

PSCH 459. Cognitive Methods. 3 hours.
Hands-on training in the methods of cognitive psychology, especially computational modeling and the analysis of verbal protocols and other types of trace data. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Laboratory and one Lecture-Discussion.
PSCH 483. Neuroanatomy. 4 hours.
Organization of the nervous system, with an emphasis on mammals. Course Information: Same as BIOS 483 and NEUS 483. Animals used in instruction. Prerequisite(s): BIOS 272 or BIOS 286 or BIOS 325 or PSCH 262; or consent of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Laboratory and one Lecture.

PSCH 484. Neuroscience I. 3 hours.
Neuroscience as an integrative discipline. Neuroanatomy of vertebrates, neural development, cellular neurobiology, action potential mechanisms, synaptic transmission and neuropharmacology. Course Information: Same as BIOS 484 and PHIL 484. Prerequisite(s): BIOS 286 or PSCH 262.

PSCH 485. Neuroscience II. 3 hours.
Integrative neuroscience, including sensory and motor systems; learning, memory, and language; pathology of nervous systems; philosophical perspectives, and modeling. Course Information: Same as BIOS 485 and PHIL 485. Prerequisite(s): BIOS 286 or PSCH 262.

PSCH 494. Special Topics in Psychology. 1-4 hours.
Advanced treatment of an announced topic. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 503. Writing for Social Scientists. 3 hours.
Training to write for the social sciences, including how to edit effectively, formulate a thesis statement, construct an argument, and begin and conclude a paper. Course Information: Previously listed as PSCH 403. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 505. Advanced History of Psychology. 3 hours.
The history of scientific psychology, with an emphasis on the forerunners of major contemporary research problems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.

PSCH 507. Emerging Research Issues. 1 hour.
Weekly seminar that introduces Ph.D. students in psychology to the current research of each faculty member in the department of psychology. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 2 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 508. Colloquium on the Teaching of Psychology. 1 hour.
Required training to prepare graduate students for contact teaching in the Department of Psychology. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 510. Introduction to Cognitive Science. 4 hours.
The computer modeling of intelligent agents and systems. Course Information: Same as CS 510. Extensive computer use required. Prior experience with computers is expected to vary widely among the students, and the instruction, readings, and course project are designed to take this into account. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Prior training and/or prior coursework in human cognition and/or computer programming.

PSCH 512. Attitudes and Social Cognition. 3 hours.
Survey of theory and research in social psychology, including attitudes and social cognition. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 513. Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes. 3 hours.
Survey of theory and research in social psychology, including interpersonal relations and group processes. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 516. Research Methods in Social Psychology. 3 hours.
Critical analysis of current theories in social psychology. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): PSCH 512 and PSCH 513 and PSCH 514; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 517. Social Psychology of Education. 4 hours.
Social psychological factors influencing academic and social outcomes in schools. Achievement motivation, peer relations, social values in relation to student characteristics and school practice. Course Information: Same as EPSY 502. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Education program or the Ph.D. in Psychology program; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 518. Seminar in Social and Personality Psychology. 1-4 hours.
Critical discussion of selected topics, such as helping and altruism, social judgment, group processes, attitude formation and change. Content varies. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 519. Current Topics in Social Psychology. 1 hour.
Discussion of recently published research and ongoing research by department faculty and graduate students. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 522. Human-Computer Interaction. 4 hours.
The computer-user interface: media, languages, interaction techniques, user modeling. Human factors in software development. Theory, experimental methods, evaluation, tools. Project required. Course Information: Same as CS 522 and COMM 522. Prerequisite(s): CS 422; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 525. Achievement Motivation. 4 hours.
The psychology of achievement motivation will be explored from the perspectives of personality, social, and educational psychology. Course Information: Same as EPSY 530. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in education or psychology or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 526. Lifespan Development. 3 hours.
Review of factors influencing continuity and change at genetic, physiological, psychological and social levels across the lifespan. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 531. Community Research. 3 hours.
Intro to research design for community and action research: data collection techniques; perspectives on the relationship between researchers and communities; ethical issues; and philosophies of science informing community-based research.

PSCH 533. Advanced Community and Prevention Research. 3 hours.
Overview of community psychology theory and intervention research in areas like prevention, empowerment, diversity, ecology, competence enhancement, and social change from historical and contemporary perspectives. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in psychology or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 537. Seminar in Action Research. 3 hours.
Supervised action research in community settings including entry, data collection, ethics, feedback and report preparation. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in the Community and Prevention Research Specialization of the Ph.D. in Psychology program or consent of the instructor.
PSCH 538. Seminar in Community and Prevention Research. 1-4 hours.
Examination of a selected topic in community and prevention research. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 539. Current Topics in Community and Prevention Research. 1 hour.
Ongoing seminar with faculty and graduate students to discuss contemporary issues in community and prevention research. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 540. Research and Reflexivity. 3 hours.
Highlights some of the issues relevant to doing research with diverse groups, such as race/ethnicity, gender, social class, age, disability. Course Information: Theories, approaches, and strategies to support critical reflexive practice and decision making throughout the research and knowledge construction process.

PSCH 541. Statistical Programming in Psychology. 1 hour.
An introduction to applications of statistical programming and computing in psychological research. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in Psychology or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 542. Mixed-Effects Models. 3 hours.
Provides a comprehensive overview of mixed effect modeling and its application to psychology. Teaches the basics of this method and the specific applications of this method under different research traditions. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 543 and PSCH 545 and Graduate standing in psychology; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 543. Research Design and Analysis I. 4 hours.
Experimental design and statistical analyses for experimental and quasi-experimental designs, interpretation and writing results in APA style, and statistical computing software. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in psychology; or Consent of Instructor.

PSCH 544. Structural Equation Modeling for Latent Variables. 3 hours.
A comprehensive overview of factor analysis and structural equation modeling and its application to psychology, and provide a base for more advanced study of latent variable methods. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 543 and PSCH 545; and Graduate standing in Psychology; or Consent of Instructor.

PSCH 545. Research Design and Analysis II. 3 hours.
Experimental design and statistical analyses for experimental and quasi-experimental designs, interpretation and writing results in APA style, and statistical computing software. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 543 and graduate standing in psychology; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 547. Data Science for Psychological Science. 3 hours.
Provides a comprehensive overview of data science (data wrangling, machine learning, and deep learning) and its application to psychology. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 543 and PSCH 545 and Graduate standing in psychology, or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 548. Seminar in Methods and Measurement. 3 hours.
Seminar on a preannounced topic in methodology, measurement, data science, or quantitative psychology. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in Psychology, or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 550. Proseminar in Educational Psychology I: Socialization into The Field. 2 hours.
Socializes students into Educational Psychology, and covers professional development (e.g., importance of CV, presenting at a conference, IRB, grant proposals), and areas of emphasis (e.g., learning, assessment, statistics, measurement). Course Information: Same as EPSY 500. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Educational Psychology or Education programs; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 551. Theories of Educational Psychology. 4 hours.
Covers critical theories that drive the research and practice of educational psychology, including theories and research that pertain to student achievement, motivation, beliefs, assessments, teaching, and learning across the life span. Course Information: Same as EPSY 501. Prerequisite(s): EPSY 500 and admission to the Ph.D. in Education program or the Ph.D. in Psychology program; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 552. Cognitive Sciences. 3 hours.
Empirical data and theories of the cognitive science bases of attention, executive function, language, learning, memory, motivation, perception and action. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 553. Memory. 3 hours.
Theories and models of memory systems across humans and animals. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing; or PSCH 352 and consent of the instructor.

PSCH 554. Language. 3 hours.
Language representation, production, comprehension, and acquisition. Course Information: Same as COMM 554 and LING 554. Previously listed as PSCH 454. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 555. Thinking. 3 hours.
Problem solving, reasoning, thinking. Course Information: Previously listed as 455. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 557. Skill and Knowledge Acquisition. 3 hours.
Skill and knowledge acquisition, including procedural and cognitive functions. Course Information: Previously listed as PSCH 447. Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

PSCH 558. Seminar in Cognitive Psychology. 1-4 hours.
Detailed critical review of selected topics in cognitive psychology; emphasis on current research and theoretical developments. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 559. Current Topics in Cognitive Psychology. 1 hour.
Discussion of current research and theoretical issues in broad areas of cognitive psychology. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 560. Advanced Learning. 3 hours.
Methods, results, and interpretation of experimental studies of basic learning processes in animal and human subjects. Course Information: Previously listed as PSCH 460.
PSCH 562. Neural Basis of Learning and Memory. 3 hours.  
Theory and research on the anatomical, electrophysiological and chemical bases of learning and memory in humans and other animals.  
Course Information: Previously listed as PSCH 462.

PSCH 564. Behavioral Psychopharmacology: Pharmacological Bases of Behavior. 3 hours.  
Behavioral psychopharmacology. This includes the relationship of pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, major neurotransmitter systems, and non-neurotransmitter mechanisms to behavior, behavioral pharmacology models of normal functioning and psychiatric illness, and pharmacology in clinical contexts, in addiction, and in special populations (e.g. children, aging, pregnancy). Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 565. Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience. 3 hours.  
Empirical data and theories of the neural basis of cognitive processes; attention, memory, language, executive control of behavior. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 566. Motivation. 3 hours.  
Survey of mechanisms underlying motivated behaviors in animals and humans. Includes behaviors directed at survival and growth. Course Information: Previously listed as PSCH 466.

PSCH 568. Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience. 1-4 hours.  
Current research issues and studies in Behavioral Neuroscience are discussed in terms of methodology and theory. Topic to be announced each semester. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 569. Current Topics in Behavioral Neuroscience. 1 hour.  
Presentation of current research projects by staff and students. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 570. Personality Psychology. 3 hours.  
Contemporary research in personality psychology and a review of theoretical approaches to the study of personality structure and processes. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 571. Psychopathology. 3 hours.  
Detailed consideration of disorders of behavior including description, etiology, prognosis and experimental and clinical research; consideration of development and functions of classification systems of abnormal behavior and their relation to clinical decision making. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): PSCH 570 and consent of the instructor.

PSCH 574. Techniques of Psychological Intervention. 3 hours.  
Intervention skills, modalities, concepts and techniques for different patient populations and presenting problems. Topics will vary each semester and include: cognitive-behavior therapy, psychodynamic therapy, group therapy and family therapy. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 571 and consent of the instructor.

PSCH 575. Psychotherapy Theory and Research. 3 hours.  
Research methods and theory related to psychotherapy and behavior change, with an emphasis on design, evaluation, and results of empirically-based psychotherapy studies. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): PSCH 571 and consent of the instructor.

PSCH 577. Ethics and Professional Development. 3 hours.  
Ethical dimensions of psychology including clinical practice, research and teaching; ethical codes, confidentiality, client rights, dual relationships, legal issues, competency, social responsibility, moral reasoning, values. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in psychology or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 578. Seminar in Clinical Psychology. 1-4 hours.  
In-depth coverage of selected current topics in clinical psychology. Emphasis is on current research. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 579. Current Topics in Clinical Psychology. 1 hour.  
Research and case presentations in clinical psychology. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 581. Practicum in Interviewing. 2 hours.  
Interviewing practicum through the Office of Applied Psychological Services. Students observe and conduct clinical interviews under supervision. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion and one Clinical Practice.

PSCH 582. Practicum in Psychological Assessment. 4 hours.  
Supervised practice in psychodiagnostic testing in various facilities associated with the graduate training program in clinical psychology. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Students are expected to register for this course for at least 2 semesters. Students may register for more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Open only to clinical psychology graduate students. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion and one Clinical Practice.

PSCH 583. Practicum in Clinical Intervention. 4 hours.  
Instruction and supervision in the practice of psychological intervention, application of basic psychological principles to varied parent populations. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 574 and consent of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Practice.

PSCH 584. Practicum for Clinical Trainees on Assessment, Intervention and Research. 0-3 hours.  
Presentation and discussion of trainee assessment, intervention, and research projects. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into either an NIMH- or OAPS- sponsored training program. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Conference and one Practice.

PSCH 586. The Science of Teaching Psychology. 3 hours.  
Seminar on theories, research, and evidence-based techniques for teaching undergraduate Psychology courses. Prepares students for PSCH 587. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Completion of Master’s degree in Psychology or related discipline.

PSCH 587. Practicum in Teaching Psychology. 6 hours.  
Provides students who have completed PSCH 586 the opportunity to teach their own undergraduate Psychology course under the supervision of a Psychology Department faculty member. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): PSCH 586; and consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Completion of Master's degree in Psychology or related discipline. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion and one Practice.
PSCH 588. Topics Quantitative Psychology. 1-4 hours.
An introduction to applications of statistical programming and computing in psychological research. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. May be repeated. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in psychology or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 591. Research Apprenticeship. 2-3 hours.
Directed training in conducting research in specific areas of Psychology, and in developing skills related to the research. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 5 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 594. Advanced Special Topics in Psychology. 1-4 hours.
Advanced treatment of an announced topic. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 595. Methods and Measurement in Clinical Psychology. 2 hours.
Provides students with an overview of research methods, process concerns, ethics, and issues that are relevant to the field of clinical psychology. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 596. Independent Study. 1-12 hours.
Research on or study of topics not included in regular classes or thesis and dissertation research. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 598. Thesis Research. 0-16 hours.
Research on the topic of the master's thesis. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

PSCH 599. Dissertation Research. 0-16 hours.
Research on the topic of the doctoral dissertation. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.