

PSYCHOLOGY, PHD

Graduate study in Psychology at Penn emphasizes scholarship and research accomplishment. The first-year program is divided between courses that introduce various areas of psychology and a focused research experience. A deep involvement in research continues throughout the graduate program, and is supplemented by participation in seminars, teaching, and general intellectual give-and-take. Students are admitted into the graduate program as a whole, not into specific subfields. Students and faculty are free to define their fields of interest.

A high level of interaction between students and faculty helps generate both a shared set of interests in the theoretical, historical, and philosophical foundations of psychology and active collaboration in research projects.

The Graduate Group in Psychology is highly distinguished and represents a broad range of work in psychology and includes an APA-approved clinical program. Two regular faculty and two emeritus professors are members of the National Academy of Sciences, and three regular faculty are Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Department also includes past presidents of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, and of the Linguistics Society of America.

Many other faculty, graduate students, and former students have received national awards for excellence in research and teaching. We have strong connections with other disciplines at the University. Our members play pivotal roles in two of the most important interdisciplinary areas on campus, the cognitive sciences and the neurosciences, both of which have been fostered by the Department as a matter of policy.

For more information: <http://psychology.sas.upenn.edu/graduate> (<http://psychology.sas.upenn.edu/graduate/>)

University PhD Benchmarks

In addition to Program requirements, the following milestones must be completed:

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	Qualifying Evaluation	
	Candidacy Examination	
	Dissertation Defense/Oral Exam	
	Dissertation Deposit	

For more information view the University's Academic Rules for PhD Programs (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/>).

Required Courses

Code	Title	Course Units
<i>Supervised Research</i>		
PSYC 6999	Individual Research for First-Year Graduate Students	3
or PSYC 6980	Laboratory Rotation	
Advanced Psychology Course ¹		1
Proseminar Requirement ²		3
Statistics Requirement		2

PSYC 6110	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance	
Additional Advanced Statistics Course ³		
<i>Electives at the 5000 level and above</i>		11
PSYC 9999	Individual Study and Research (or select 11 course units)	
<i>Teaching Requirement</i>		
Two semesters of teaching are required		
Total Course Units		20

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- ¹ The Advanced Psychology course should be chosen from a list of approved courses maintained by the Graduate Group.
- ² By the end of Year 2, you must have taken one in each of the following areas: The Mind, The Brain, The Individual & The Group.
- ³ The second Advanced Statistics course should be chosen from a list of approved courses maintained by the Graduate Group.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

Clinical Program Requirements

The clinical training program, nested in the Department, is intended to prepare students for research/academic careers in Clinical Psychology, Psychopathology, or Personality. Clinical training (in assessment, diagnosis and psychotherapy) is seen as an integral part of the education of highly qualified, creative clinical scientists. Nevertheless, the principal goal of Penn clinical students is to become expert psychologists, not simply expert clinicians, and the program is designed to support that goal. Our program is a member of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science, a coalition of doctoral training programs that emphasize the scientific basis of clinical psychology and is accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System. Our membership in the Academy indicates our commitment to empirical research as the basis of theory, assessment, and intervention, and our PCSAS accreditation attests to our success in training clinical students. The program is also accredited by the American Psychological Association.

For more clinical information: <http://psychology.sas.upenn.edu/training-programs/clinical-training-program> (<http://psychology.sas.upenn.edu/training-programs/clinical-training-program/>).

Code	Title	Course Units
Proseminars (PSYC 6000)		
	Psychopathology	1
	Social Psychology	0.5
	Developmental (Social & Emotional or Cognitive)	0.5
	Select one course unit in Brain area	1
	Select one course unit in Mind area	1
Statistics		
PSYC 6110	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance	1
	Advanced Statistics Course ¹	1
Research		
PSYC 6999	Individual Research for First-Year Graduate Students	3
Clinical Seminars (PSYC 7090)		
	Ethics and Professional Standards	0.5
	Empirically Supported Treatments	1
	Select two other Clinical Seminars	2
Additional Courses		
PSYC 7040	Research Methods and Statistical Procedures for Social and Clinical Sciences	1
PSYC 8100	Psychodiagnostic Testing	1
PSYC 8110	Psychodiagnostic Interviewing	1
PSYC 8150	Introductory Practicum	1
PSYC 8200	Advanced Practicum	1
	Select one integrative course	1
	Supervision Workshop	

¹ Must be approved by Director of Graduate Studies.