PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE - PH.D.

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Description
The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Psychological Science program offers doctoral education and training in psychological science, with specializations in behavioral neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology and health psychology. The curriculum and other aspects of training offered by the Department prepare students for careers in research and teaching.

The graduate programs in psychology are strongly research-oriented. Students are encouraged to become engaged in a variety of research projects.

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  • Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
Applications for admission are accepted only from holders of a baccalaureate who aspire to the doctorate.

The Ph.D. requires a broad undergraduate preparation; research experience; junior-senior scholastic GPA average of 3.0; and 18 credit hours in psychology, which include a course in statistics and a broad background in psychology. Students also must submit a statement of goals and motivations for pursuing a career in psychology, official transcript(s), scores from the Graduate Record Examination, and three letters of recommendation.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 550 TOEFL score (79 on the Internet-based version), minimum 77 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 58 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the current theories and significant empirical findings in a major area of psychological science. Mastery includes acquiring both an understanding of these materials as well as the ability to think critically about them.

2. Teach courses in psychological science.

3. Supervise and mentor undergraduate students in both research settings and in the classroom.

4. Design, execute, analyze and report empirical studies that make a significant contribution in a major area of psychological science.

Psychological Science - Ph.D. Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post Baccalaureate Students 90
Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Master’s Students 60

1 PSYC 71894 is required for students who teach starting their 3rd year.
2 Students must complete a doctoral dissertation.
3 PSYC 81498 can be used to partially satisfy Additional Program Electives.

- Students must complete a first-year project and present it to faculty and graduate students during the fall of their 2nd year.

Graduation Requirements
The doctoral program requires a minimum of four years of full-time attendance for holders of the baccalaureate degree. All doctoral students in psychology (regardless of area of specialization) complete a program of basic core courses, select additional courses and seminars with the aid of a faculty advisor, and complete a master’s thesis and a doctoral dissertation. A limited number of graduate courses outside the department may be credited toward graduation. No 50000-level psychology courses may be applied to the degree program for psychology majors.

Doctoral program aspirants who do not hold a master’s degree upon starting the program must complete all the requirements for the master’s degree.

The program requires full-time continuous enrollment including summers.

Candidacy
Students who have been admitted into the doctoral program will be considered for Ph.D. candidacy after they have met all requirements for the M.A. and have passed a qualifying examination in a major area of specialization in psychology. In addition, the department reserves the right to separate from the program a student who, in the opinion of a duly constituted departmental committee, is not likely to succeed professionally despite earning acceptable grades. Proficiency in a foreign language is not a requirement for a doctoral degree in psychology.

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