

# PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE - PH.D.

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## Description

The Ph.D. degree in Psychological Science 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 of Psychological Sciences prepare students for careers in research and teaching. The program is strongly research-oriented.

## Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum junior-senior 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- 18 credit hours in psychology, including a course in statistics
- Broad background in psychology
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 82 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 65 PTE score

Admission to the Ph.D. degree is limited to students whose records clearly indicate both scholarly and research potential to do doctoral-level work. For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission 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.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSYC 71651	QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS I	3
PSYC 71654	QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS II	3
PSYC 71894	COLLEGE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY <sup>1</sup>	0-3
PSYC 72685	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE	3
PSYC 81199	DISSERTATION I <sup>2</sup>	30
Additional Program Electives <sup>3</sup>		21-51
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post Baccalaureate Students</b>		90
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Master's Students</b>		60

- <sup>1</sup> PSYC 71894 is required for students who teach starting their third year.
- <sup>2</sup> Doctoral candidates, upon admission to candidacy, must register for PSYC 81199 for a total of 30 hours. It is expected that doctoral candidates will continuously register for PSYC 81199, and thereafter PSYC 81299, each semester, including one term each summer, until all requirements for the degree have been met.
- <sup>3</sup> All doctoral students (regardless of area of specialization) select additional courses and seminars with the aid of a faculty advisor. 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. PSYC 81498 can be used to partially satisfy additional program electives.

### Candidacy Requirements

- 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. degree and have passed a qualifying examination in a major area of specialization in psychology.
- The Department of Psychological Sciences 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 the Ph.D. degree.

### Graduation Requirements

- The program requires full-time continuous enrollment, including summers.
- Post-baccalaureate students are required to complete a minimum of four years of full-time attendance.

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