

Graduate Programs

Psychology

The Department of Psychology prepares graduate students to become leading scientists and to assume important positions in academic institutions, industry, and professional practice. We offer state-of-the-art education and intensive research training in the areas of Behavioral Neuroscience, and Clinical, Cognitive, and Social-Personality Psychology. Our students develop the necessary research skills to become leading scholars who push the bounds of psychological science.

FACULTY RESEARCH

Our students make significant discoveries in psychology as they actively collaborate with a highly productive and dynamic faculty. The Department has four areas of specialization in psychology: Behavioral Neuroscience, and Clinical, Cognitive, and Social-Personality Psychology. Active engagement in research is the core of our Masters and Ph.D. programs. The Department offers a vibrant and collegial atmosphere in which to investigate critical questions about the mind and behavior.

We offer PhDs in four areas:

- **Behavioral Neuroscience** This area provides students with knowledge of the biological factors that control behavior. Faculty research includes studies of motivated behavior, pain, social development, biological rhythms, plasticity, and sensory processing.
- **Clinical Psychology** This area follows a clinical-science model that emphasizes scientific methods and evidence-based assessment and intervention. Faculty research includes addiction, mood disorders, developmental psychopathology, personality, psychophysiology, and assessment.
- **Cognitive Psychology** This area focuses on understanding mental abilities with emphasis on music cognition, auditory perception, psycholinguistics, cognitive neuroscience, animal cognition, learning, and language development.
- **Social-Personality Psychology** This area offers research training in the dynamic interplay between the self and the interpersonal world with emphasis on attitudes, automaticity, close relationships, goal-pursuit, social behavior, self-regulation, social perception, stereotyping, and stress and coping.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS AND OUTCOMES

- Internationally renowned faculty, a collegial and supportive environment, and well-equipped laboratories afford outstanding training opportunities.
- **The Ph.D. programs** emphasize academic training in general psychology and research training the student's specialty area. Our students are well-prepared for careers in universities, colleges, hospitals, medical schools, business, and industry.
- **The M.A. program** provides an advanced background in all areas of psychology while emphasizing research and scholarship contributing to the understanding of the mind and behavior. Students are well prepared for future doctoral training or to pursue positions in industry, research, or human services.

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