

## **Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology**

The Experimental Psychology program provides training in a variety of sub-disciplines within psychology. This includes cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, evolutionary psychology, learning, neuroscience, quantitative methods, and social-personality. The Ph.D. program is also affiliated with the [Institute of Behavioral Research](#) and the [Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development](#). Please be advised that we do not offer graduate-level courses or degrees in clinical or counseling psychology.

As a graduate student in the department, students will receive broad training in experimental psychology and will be able to conduct research in their area of study. Students are matched with a faculty mentor prior to admission, so it is important to explain who you are interested in working with as part of your graduate school application. Faculty interests are as follows:

**Cognition/Developmental:** [Dr. Naomi Ekas](#), [Dr. Danica Knight](#), [Dr. Uma Tauber](#)

**Evolution/Social-Personality:** [Dr. Cathy R. Cox](#), [Dr. Sarah E. Hill](#)

**Learning:** [Dr. Ken Leising](#), [Dr. Mauricio Papini](#)

**Neuroscience:** [Dr. Gary Boehm](#), [Dr. Brent Cooper](#)

**Public Health/Safety:** [Dr. Kevin Knight](#)

**Quantitative:** [Dr. Justin Lunningham](#)

**Master's in Passing:** Students who are applying to the Ph.D. program without having earned a master's degree can apply as a degree-bound student and earn a master's in passing as a required milestone while working toward their Ph.D. The only terminal M.S. degree offered by the department is in [Developmental Trauma](#).

- [Degree/course requirements](#) for the M.S. degree in passing.
- [Degree/course requirements](#) for the Ph.D. degree in Experimental Psychology.

### **Admission Requirements:**

- Bachelor's or master's degree (psychology degree is preferred but not required)
- Completion of psychology courses strongly suggested, including introductory psychology, experimental psychology (i.e., research methods), and quantitative methods (i.e., statistics)
  - For exceptional students without these courses, contact the [program director](#) to determine whether alternative courses are sufficient
- Resume/curriculum vita (CV)
- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of reference
- Writing sample from a psychology course, convention, or presentation that is representative of your writing abilities
- Unofficial transcripts of all colleges attended. (An English translation of all international transcripts is also required)
- International students: Official TOEFL/IELTS scores as evidence of English proficiency. A minimum TOEFL score of 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper based) is required, or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5
- [Graduate application](#) and application fee (\$60)

**Application Deadline:** January 1 (fall admission)

**Cost and Assistance:** Since our graduate training programs aim at high-level professional training, we believe that every student should be provided with adequate financial support to complete the program. The department does not encourage graduate students to enroll in the program while supporting themselves with

a job not associated with their academic pursuits. The department's goal is to provide financial support for all graduate students through teaching assistantships, research assistantships, fellowships, and traineeships.