Healthy Minds, Healthy Brains, Healthy Lives

Promoting health is the fundamental mission of the Psychology Department. Our research focuses on:
• Understanding the biological, psychological and social factors that contribute to health and disease;
• Translating knowledge into innovative solutions for neurological, psychological and social problems;
• Promoting healthy lifestyles among people of all ages.

Our Ph.D. program provides concentrations of study in three distinct, but interactive, areas:
• Clinical Psychology
• Cognition and Neural Systems
• Social Psychology

In addition, we offer three unique interdisciplinary minors that are open to all graduate students:
• Ethology and Evolutionary Psychology
• Health Psychology
• Neuropsychology

We also collaborate with the College of Law to provide a joint Ph.D. & J.D. Program.

While our graduate programs vary in specific contents and research methods, they all share basic goals that are compatible with our philosophy of providing students with outstanding science-centered education and in-depth research training to prepare the next generation of leaders in science and society.

Advancing the Science of Psychology from Infancy to Old Age

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The goal of our graduate program is to provide Ph.D. candidates with a strong foundation in psychology as a discipline, in-depth knowledge of their chosen field, and research experiences that will allow them to make a unique contribution to science and society.

Students are accepted directly into the Ph.D. program, but complete a Master’s degree on route to their Ph.D.

The Psychology Department is strongly committed to a diverse graduate education. We encourage applications from underrepresented minority groups.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- GPA - 3.0 or higher
- GRE - There are no minimum cut-off scores. The psychology subject test is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- For international students, TOEFL 550-paper based (PB) or 79-internet based (iBT) or IELTS-composite score of 7. (no subject area below 6).

For more information, please visit our website: psychology.arizona.edu/graduate-programs

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RESEARCH AREAS

Clinical Psychology
The Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Arizona follows a clinical science training model. Our program prepares students not only to practice clinical psychology but to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field through basic and translational research.

Cognition and Neural Systems (CNS)
The CNS Program offers extensive opportunities for those interested in pursuing the study of cognitive, computational and neurophysiological principles underlying human and animal behavior and thought (e.g., perception, emotion, learning and memory, language, movement and spatial orientation). Graduate students engage with faculty on cutting-edge scientific research and participate in seminars and lecture courses that provide a thorough background in current theory.

Social Psychology
The Social Psychology Ph.D. program is designed to prepare students for scholarly careers in academic and other research settings. Formal course requirements are minimized and collaborative research with one or more faculty is emphasized. Coursework in the major may consist of a diverse array of classes, including independent study, selected by the student with the approval of the student’s major adviser.

TRACK AND MINORS

Ethology and Evolutionary Psychology (EEP)
The purpose of the EEP track and minor is to train students in the integration of the biological, behavioral, and social sciences through the unifying principles of evolutionary theory. This integration is being actively fostered by the emergence of an Evolutionary Psychology built upon and consistent with the principles of evolutionary biology.

Health Psychology
The aim of the Health Psychology track and minor is to train psychologists to conduct research and clinical work in academic and medical settings with a focus on physical disease populations and outcomes. The track provides immersive training and graduate-level education consistent with the student’s area of expertise and career aims.

Neuropsychology
The Neuropsychology track emphasizes basic research skills drawing upon cognitive science and neuroscience, and clinical skills related to neuropsychological intervention and evaluation. Students develop additional specialized research and clinical expertise (e.g., gerontology, psychophysiology, empirically-validated interventions, brain-imaging) that will make them more competitive in the job market.