Official Degree Name: School Psychology PhD (SCPSYPHD)

Official Sub-Plan Name: None

Overview of degree:
Summary paragraphs of degree and general overview of requirements

Students take coursework in several areas: (a) cognitive, academic, and social/emotional/behavioral assessment, (b) academic and emotional/behavioral interventions and consultation, (c) ethical, legal, and professional issues, (d) inquiry/research methods, (e) cultural diversity, and (f) foundations of psychology. Practicum is required each semester for the first two years, followed by a supervision practicum in the third year. All students take elective practica in the third and fourth years in their areas of interest. Students may receive credit for prior graduate work, if it is relevant to the curriculum. A one-year, full-time internship is required, which typically is completed in the fifth year. Internships may be 10 months in a school setting or 12 months in a clinical or other non-school setting. The majority of students seek APA accredited internships that facilitate obtaining licensure for the independent practice of psychology. A minor is required, with counseling being the most frequent selection. Graduates take positions in public or private schools, clinical settings, or academic or research institutions. Many graduates obtain licensure as psychologists to work in clinical settings or independent practice. The deadline for applications is December 1. Matriculation is in the fall semester only and enrollment is considered full-time.

Degree Requirements:

Major Requirements (40 credits)*
List Required Courses for degree:

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P699  Internship in School Psychology II  2

**Psychological Foundations Requirements**  (15 hrs.)*
(These courses meet APA requirements for foundations in the respective areas.)

**Human Development**
P514  Lifespan Development: Birth to Death  3

**Biological Bases of Behavior**
P624  Biology of Behavior  3

**Social Bases of Behavior**
P622  Social Development  3
  or
P566  Social Psychology in Education  3
  or
G656  Social Bases of Behavior  3

**History and Systems of Psychology (3 hrs.)**
P601  Educational and Historical Foundations of Psychology  3

**Cognitive/Learning Bases of Behavior (3 hrs.)**
P540  Learning and Cognition in Education  3
  or
P544  Applied Cognition and Learning Strategies  3

*Courses in School Psychology, Educational Psychology, and Learning and Developmental Sciences are included to bring the total to the minimum of 55 semester hours for the major area. Although not specifically required, we recommend that students have coursework and practicum in counseling and therapeutic interventions. Many internships sites, psychology licensing boards, and state departments of education require courses in counseling on an applicant’s transcript. The University Graduate School requires at least 90 hours for the Ph.D. degree, but a program is likely to total 100-110 hours, due to student interest in specific courses or areas of study. If you are planning to complete an internship in a clinical setting, it is suggested that a course in psychopharmacology be considered as an elective.

**Inquiry Requirements**  (12 credits)
List Required Courses for degree:

Y502  Intermediate Statistics Applied to Education (required)  3
Y521  Methodological Approaches to Educational Inquiry (required)  3
Y603  Statistical Design in Educational Research  3
  or
Y604  Multivariate Analysis in Educational Research  3

Plus select one course from the approved Inquiry Course list

**Minor Requirements**  (12 credits)
List Required Courses for degree:
The minor must have integrity in its own right and must complement the major. The minor field must demonstrate wholeness within itself and contribute to the student's overall doctoral program. Minors are normally formulated within a single program area. However, an interdisciplinary minor is also possible. If courses in the minor are from more than one program area, a written description of the minor’s underlying theme must be provided along with a rationale for each course’s contribution to that theme. This written description is typically limited to two pages and submitted to the student’s Program of Studies Committee. Most students select counseling for their minor, which provides a foundation for advanced practica and internships in clinical or school settings. Some students complete a second minor, most often in inquiry or special education. The minor should be selected to prepare for internship and professional positions upon graduation.

**Elective Requirements**

(0-6 credits)

Electives may be taken in fields inside or outside the School of Education. Students may take electives in any area of interest to complement their program of study.

**National School Psychology Examination Requirement**

All graduates of the School Psychology doctoral program are required to take and pass the National School Psychology Examination (Praxis II) as a condition for graduation. It is recommended that the examination be taken at the end of the second year of study. The examination must be taken and passed as a partial requirement for nomination to candidacy.

**Dissertation Requirements**

(15 credits)

List Required Courses for degree:

- P795  Dissertation Proposal Preparation  3
- P799  Doctoral Thesis in Educational Psychology  12