Psychology

Degrees Offered

- Master of Science
- Doctor of Philosophy

Doctoral Program Majors

The doctoral degree major areas of study in Behavior Analysis, Behavioral Neuroscience, Clinical & Clinical Child Psychology, and Life-Span Developmental Psychology prepare students for careers in research, teaching, and/or practice.

Program Accreditation

The Clinical Program at West Virginia University is comprised of two major areas of study: Clinical Psychology and Clinical Child Psychology. The Program has been accredited continuously by the American Psychological Association since 1966. In 2012, the Program was re-accredited for a full 7 years, with the next site visit scheduled to occur in 2019. For any questions regarding accreditation of this or any other program, contact the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation of the American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Phone number: (202) 336-5979. Website: http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation.

The Behavior Analysis Program at West Virginia University is accredited by the Association for Behavior Analysis International. In 2014, the Program was re-accredited from 2014-2019.

Admission

Students are admitted only at the beginning of the fall semester. Applications must be completed by the preceding December 1.

Acceptance is based on the following:

- Adequate academic aptitude at the graduate level as measured by the Graduate Record Examination
- Achievement in undergraduate coursework with a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Personal qualities that predict success in graduate study and as a professional after graduation
- Adequate preparation in psychology and related fields
- Fit between the applicant’s interests and the offerings of a department graduate program major area of study

Non-Degree Students

Graduate courses in psychology are designed for regularly admitted degree-seeking psychology students as part of an extensive program of preparing those students for professional careers. Thus, students not admitted into one of the psychology graduate program areas are discouraged from taking graduate courses in psychology. Non-psychology graduate students must obtain the instructor’s permission to enroll in any psychology graduate course.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Kevin Larkin - Ph.D. (University of Pittsburgh)
  Clinical Health Psychology, Applied Psychophysiology, Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine

PROFESSORS

- Christina Duncan - Ph.D. (Louisiana State University)
  Behavioral Pediatrics, Chronic Illness, Adherence
- Barry A. Edelstein - Ph.D. (University of Memphis)
  Eberly Family Distinguished Professor of Clinical Psychology. Clinical Gero-psychology, Anxiety and Decision-making in Older Adults
- Katherine Karraker - Ph.D. (Michigan State University)
  Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs. Adults’ Perceptions of Infants, Infant Social Development
- Kennon A. Lattal - Ph.D. (University of Alabama)
  Centennial Professor. Experimental Analysis of Behavior, History and Philosophy of Psychology, Human-Pet Interactions
- Cheryl B. McNeil - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
  Disruptive Behavior Disorders of Children, Child Behavior Therapy, Parent-Child Interactions
- Daniel W. McNeil - Ph.D. (University of Alabama)
  Eberly Family Professor for Outstanding Public Service. Experimental Psychopathology, Behavioral Dentistry and Behavioral Medicine, Pain and Anxiety
• Tracy L. Morris - Ph.D. (University of Mississippi)
  Eberly Distinguished Professor of Outstanding Teaching and Associate Dean for Research, Graduate Studies, and Outreach. Developmental Psychopathology, Social Anxiety, Peer Relationships
• Melanie C. Page - Ph.D. (Arizona State University)
  Assistant Vice President for Creative and Scholarly Activity. Quantitative/Developmental Psychology
• Michael Perone - Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
  Associate Dean for Faculty. Positive and Negative Reinforcement, Animal and Human Operant Behavior, Research Methodology
• JoNell Strough - Ph.D. (University of Utah)
  Life-Span Development, Decision Making, Everyday Problem Solving, Gender Development

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

• Karen G. Anderson - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
  Behavioral Pharmacology, Self-Control and Impulsivity
• Amy Fiske - Ph.D. (University of Southern California)
  Late Life Depression and Suicide
• Amy Gentzler - Ph.D. (Kent State University)
  Emotion Regulation and Coping in Childhood, Positive Psychology
• Amy Herschell - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Dissemination of Evidence-Based Treatments
• Elisa Krackow - Ph.D. (Binghamton University-SUNY)
  Adult and Child Testimony, Developmental Psychopathology
• Aaron Metzger - Ph.D. (University of Rochester)
  Adolescent Social-Cognitive Development, Civic Engagement, Adolescent-Parent Communication
• Hawley Montgomery-Downs - Ph.D. (University of Connecticut)
  Sleep, Sleep Disorders, Developmental Psychobiology
• Julie Hicks Patrick - Ph.D. (University of Akron)
  Decision Making, Family Processes in Mid- and Late-Life
• Claire St. Peter - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
  Applied Behavior Analysis, Assessment and Treatment of Problem Behavior, School-Based Interventions
• Natalie Shook - Ph.D. (Ohio State University)
  Social Psychology, Attitudes and Emotion, Cognitive Bias

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

• Melissa Blank - Ph.D. (Virginia Commonwealth University)
  Behavioral Neuroscience, Tobacco Use, Tobacco-Related Health Risks, Genetics of Substance Use
• Regina Carroll - Ph.D. (University of Nebraska Medical Center)
  Applied Behavior Analysis, Autism and Developmental Disabilities
• Steven Kinsey - Ph.D. (Ohio State University)
  Behavioral Neuroscience, Stress and Inflammation
• Shari Steinman - Ph.D. (University of Virginia)
  Cognitive Bias in Anxiety Disorders, Treatment of Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorders
• Nicholas Turiano - Ph.D. (Purdue University)
  Personality, Health, and Aging
• Cole Vonder Haar - Ph.D. (University of Southern Illinois – Carbondale)
  Behavioral Dysfunction and Traumatic Brain Injury, Behavioral Neuroscience

TEACHING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

• Connie Toffle - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Teaching of Psychology

TEACHING ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

• Elizabeth Levelle - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Teaching of Psychology, Academic Advising
• Kris Martens - Ph.D. (Southern Illinois University – Carbondale)
  Behavioral Neuroscience, Recovery from Traumatic Brain Injury
• Sharon Tenenholz - Ph.D. (University of California, Los Angeles)
  Teaching of Psychology, Curriculum Design, Academic Advising
CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR

• Stephanie McWilliams - MA (Columbia University)
  Youth Mentorship; Sport and Exercise Psychology, Health Psychology, Behavior Change and Weight Management

PROFESSORS EMERITI

• Stanley Cohen - Ph.D.
• Philip Comer - Ph.D.
• William J. Fremouw - Ph.D.
• Robert Hawkins - Ph.D.
• Kent Parker - Ph.D.
• Hayne Reese - Ph.D.

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

• Martin Boone - Ph.D., (Oklahoma State University)
• Kimberly Foley - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
• Keegan Kowcheck - MA (West Virginia University)
• Kara Samaj - MA (West Virginia University)

Master of Science

Students who are accepted into the doctoral (Ph.D.) program in psychology will receive the M.S. degree upon completing the requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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Research methodology course from the following list or another methodology course approved by the student’s advising committee:

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Electives: 36

Non-Course Requirements

Thesis Proposal
Thesis Defense Date Declaration Form
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Total Hours: 48

* PSYC 795 - A minimum of 6 credits is required

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PSYCHOLOGY: BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Major Requirements

Principles of Behavior

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Conceptual Analysis

PSYC 732 Behavior Theory and Philosophy
PSYC 721 History and Systems
or PSYC 739 Verbal Behavior

Basic Behavior Analysis

Select two from the following:

PSYC 532 Human Behavior
PSYC 733 Stimulus Control and Memory
PSYC 734 Reinforcement and Punishment
PSYC 736 Advanced Experimental Analysis of Behavior

Applied Behavior Analysis

Select two from the following:

PSYC 533 Applied Behavior Analysis
PSYC 630 Behavior Analysis Practicum
PSYC 730 Advanced Behavior Analysis Practicum
PSYC 735 Assessment and Intervention for Severe Behavior
PSYC 737 Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis

Ethics

PSYC 609 Ethics in Behavior Analysis

Specialized Elective - one course from below (or another approved by the Behavior Analysis Training Committee):

PSYC 615 Software Design in Psychology
PSYC 722 Biological Aspects of Behavior
PSYC 754 Clinical Psychopharmacology

Research:

PSYC 795 Independent Study *

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Total Hours 42

* Students are expected to be involved in research throughout your graduate career, and your enrollment in PSYC 795, should reflect this activity. You must complete at least six hours.

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PSYCHOLOGY: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

Major Requirements

Core Behavioral Neuroscience Courses - All of the Following:

PSYC 608 Professional Issues - Behavioral Neuroscience 1
PSYC 694 Seminar 3
PSYC 701 Advanced Professional Issues in Psychology 1-3
PSYC 650 Behavioral Neuroscience Methods 3
PSYC 722 Biological Aspects of Behavior 3
PSYC 724 Advanced Neuroscience 4

Methodology Courses - Both of the Following

PSYC 511 Research Design and Data Analysis 1 3
PSYC 512 Research Design and Data Analysis 2 3

Advanced Methodology Courses - One of the Following (after 511 & 512) ** 3
**History, Philosophy, and Theory of Psychology - One of the Following:**

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Or an advanced course on History, Philosophy, or Theory of Psychology in Psychology or another department (Requires approval by Behavioral Neuroscience Training Committee)

**Research - As appropriate:**

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Required elective courses approved by the Behavioral Neuroscience Training Committee: 12

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Graduation Certification: College

Total Hours: 45

* Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience - Students must take this course every semester offered.

** For Advanced Methodology Courses - Students may also take an advanced course on research design or data analysis in Psychology, Statistics, or another department (requires approval by the Behavioral Neuroscience Training Committee).

*** Independent Study - At least six hours during thesis work, continuous during dissertation work.

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**PSYCHOLOGY: CLINICAL**

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Clinical Supervision (taken twice): 2

**Practica and Internship:**

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PSYCHOLOGY: CLINICAL CHILD

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Electives approved by the Clinical Child Training Committee

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* Research Methods in Clinical Psychology counts as the third departmental methods course.

** Students must complete at least 18 hours of practica (660 Clinical Psychology Practicum or 670 Clinical Child Practicum) and three hours of internship (750 Clinical Internship). At least two academic years of practica must be through a Quin Curtis Center Clinical Team, and you must have at least two different supervisor/team experiences, each lasting one academic year or twelve month period.

*** Students are expected to be involved in research throughout their graduate career, and their enrollment in PSYC 795 (Independent Study), should reflect this activity. Students must complete at least six hours.
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Total Hours 85

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PSYCHOLOGY: LIFE-SPAN DEVELOPMENT

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Advanced Methodology Courses (After PSYC 511 & 512)

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Graduation Certification: Department

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Total Hours 47-51

* Other courses approved by the Life-Span Developmental Training Committee may also be used to fulfill this requirement. PSYC 711 may be repeated for credit when the seminar topic is different.

** Students are expected to be involved in research throughout their graduate career, and their enrollment in PSYC 795 (Independent Study) should reflect this activity.
Usually, electives include at least three credit hours of PSYC 745 (Seminar in Life-Span Development). PSYC 745 may be repeated for credit when topics differ.

**Major Learning Goals**

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Students graduating with a doctorate in psychology will acquire the following research and communication skills:

- Students will design and execute empirical research to investigate psychological topics.
- Students will conduct and interpret statistical analyses.
- Students will clearly communicate results of empirical research, both orally and in writing.
- Students will create and deliver professional oral presentations.
- Students will demonstrate expert knowledge of their area of emphasis.
- Students will be conversant with historical, philosophical, and theoretical issues in psychology.
- Students will abide by the ethical principles of the discipline of psychology.