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About the Program

This department supervises the following degree programs:
• Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
• Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology
• Master of Arts in General Experimental Psychology
• Master of Arts in Psychology
• Doctor of Philosophy in General Experimental Psychology
• Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology
• Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology

An overview of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology is given in this section of the catalog.

The requirements for the graduate programs are extensive and tailored, to some extent, to the specific student and the specific graduate program in psychology. These requirements are also revised regularly to align with the relevant accrediting agencies, such as the American Psychological Association (for the clinical and counseling psychology Ph.D. programs) and the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (for the experimental psychology concentration in human factors, with combined B.A.–M.A. or M.A.–Ph.D. options).

Students in the clinical and counseling psychology Ph.D. programs are only admitted for the doctoral degree, but they may elect to complete the requirements for the optional master's degree during their work toward the Ph.D in Clinical Psychology or the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.

Students in the experimental psychology graduate programs are typically admitted for the doctoral degree, although a small number may be admitted for a terminal master’s degree or for a combined B.A.–M.A. degree. The combined B.A.–M.A. degree entails a B.A. in psychology and an M.A. in experimental psychology, with a concentration in human factors. The Ph.D. in General Experimental Psychology offers concentrations in cognitive/applied cognitive psychology, human factors, and social psychology.

Extensive details are available at www.psychology.ttu.edu in the online handbooks for each graduate program. Application forms and instructions for the graduate programs are also available online.

Undergraduate Program

The undergraduate psychology curriculum is designed to provide a core of knowledge of the subject matter in experimental, theoretical, and applied psychology. Sufficient curricular flexibility is provided to permit students to emphasize the acquisition of useful vocational and personal skills for later life and to prepare students for a graduate degree program in psychology, related fields, or both.

All undergraduate psychology majors must complete the following core program: PSY 1300, 2400, and 3401 (with 2400 as a prerequi-

site). All majors also must select at least one course from each of six groups:

GROUP 1, Learning and Cognition: PSY 3317, 4323, 4324, or 4327.

GROUP 2, Individual Differences, Personality, and Social Processes: PSY 3304, 3306, or 3398.

GROUP 3, Biological Bases of Behavior: PSY 3327, 4325, or 4332.

GROUP 4, Developmental Bases in Behavior: PSY 2301, 2305, 3318, or 4301.

GROUP 5, Applied Professional Psychology in Community and Practice Settings: PSY 3334, 4302, 4326, 4324, or 4384.

GROUP 6, Additional Courses in Psychology: PSY 3301, 3310, 3341, 4000, 4300, 4305, 4310, 4320, 4336, 4343, 4344 or 4380.

The required number of hours for the major is 35, including two writing intensive courses in psychology. Courses designated as writing intensive are PSY 3301, 3318, 3401, 4300, 4310, and 4336. Other courses are designated as writing intensive on a rotating basis. The writing intensive courses must be taken at Texas Tech.