

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Graduate Programs</b>	UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department Psychology College Science	
<b>Program Name</b> Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	<b>Effective Date</b> <i>(TERM &amp; YEAR)</i> Fall 2020
<b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment</b> <p>The Ph.D. program in Experimental Psychology currently requires 90 credits, including 10 credits of quantitative coursework, 15 credits in the major area (Cognitive, Developmental, Social/Personality, or Behavioral Neuroscience), 18 elective credits outside the major area, 6 Masters thesis credits, 9 Ph.D. dissertation credits, and 32 elective credits from the areas listed above, Dissertation (PSY 7980), Advanced Research in Psychology (PSY 7978) or Directed Independent Study (EP 6908). We propose reducing the number of elective credits from outside the major area from 18 to 9, bringing the total number of credits to 81. This total is consistent with the number of credits required by other departments in the College of Science as well as other psychology programs in the SUS (e.g., FIU and UCF, both require 75 credits).</p>		
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> David Wolgin wolgindl@fau.edu 561/297-3366	<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b> This change will not affect other departments.	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair <u>Teresa Wilcox</u> <small>Digitally signed by Teresa Wilcox DN: cn=Teresa Wilcox, o=Florida Atlantic University, ou=Psychology, email=wilcox@fau.edu, c=US Date: 2019.11.20 17:58:43 -05'00'</small> College Curriculum Chair <u>Christopher Beebe</u> 2019.11.20 17:58:43 -05'00' College Dean <u>William David Kalie</u> 11/20/19 UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____	<b>Date</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

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**GRADUATE COLLEGE**

## Doctoral Program

### Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Experimental Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers graduate study leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology. Students may select major and minor areas of study from four areas of psychology: behavioral neuroscience, cognition, developmental psychology and social/personality.

#### Admission to Doctoral Study

In addition to meeting all of the University and College admission requirements for graduate study, applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree must meet each of the following criteria:

1. The student must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. It is not essential for this to be a degree in psychology.
2. The student must have a score of at least 153 on the verbal component and 152 on the quantitative component of the Graduate Record Examination.
3. The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of undergraduate work.
4. The student must attain approval for graduate admission from the Department of Psychology.

An admitted applicant will usually have a strong record of achievement that is higher than the minimum requirements. In considering applications for admission to the Ph.D. program, the decision of the graduate admissions committee will be based on an evaluation of a student's record and the likelihood of success in the program. The committee will consider a number of factors that include, but are not limited to:

1. The applicant's record of achievement based on GPA, GRE scores and letters of recommendation;
2. The applicant's promise for research productivity while in graduate school; and
3. The availability and willingness of a faculty member to serve as a mentor for the student.

Students admitted to the Ph.D. program will be assigned an advisor by the Department of Psychology graduate committee who will supervise their research and chair their M.A. thesis and Ph.D. dissertation committees. Considerable effort is devoted to matching students with advisors. As a consequence, few students change advisors. Changing advisors is not generally recommended because it slows progress toward graduation. The best time to change advisors is after completion of the M.A. degree but before admission to doctoral status. Students who change advisors must do so in consultation with the Department of Psychology graduate committee chair. Students without an advisor cannot continue in the program.

## Course Requirements

Ph.D. students will complete the M.A. degree requirements as described above.

A total of ~~90~~ 81 credits is required to complete the Ph.D. program. Up to 36 credits (30 credits of coursework and 6 thesis credits) that were used to satisfy the M.A. degree requirements are typically counted toward the Ph.D. degree requirements. No more than 6 M.A. thesis credits may be transferred to satisfy the doctoral degree requirements.

Quantitative Requirements - 10 credits		
Experimental Design 1	PSY 6206	3 or
Experimental Design 2	PSY 6207	3
Experimental Design 1 Lab	PSY 6206L	1
Additional 6 credits at the 6000 level from the College of Science		6
OR		
Experimental Design 1	PSY 6206	3
Experimental Design 2	PSY 6207	3
Experimental Design 1 Lab	PSY 6206L	1
Additional 3 credits at the 6000 level from the College of Science		3
Thesis - 6 credits		
Master's Thesis ( <i>may be taken over multiple terms</i> )	PSY 6971	1-6
Major Requirements - 15 credits		
<i>Select five courses (21 credits) from the following four areas. Must select at least one course from each of the four areas. Fifth course can be from any area.</i>		
Cognition		
Seminar in Cognitive Development	DEP 6067	3
Seminar in Individual Differences in Children's Thinking	DEP 6932	3
Seminar in Human Perception	EXP 6208	3
Seminar in Cognition	EXP 6609	3
Special Topics in Cognition	EXP 6930	3
Cognitive Neuroscience	ISC 5465	3
Biological Vision	PSB 5117	3
Seminar in Biopsychology of Language	PSB 6809	3
Special Topics (Cognition)	PSY 5930	3
Developmental		
Seminar in Cognitive Development	DEP 6067	3
Seminar in Personality and Social Development	DEP 6098	3
Evolutionary Developmental Psychology	DEP 6610	3



Special Topics in Developmental Psychology	DEP 6930	3
Seminar in Development of Social Cognition	DEP 6931	3
Seminar in Individual Differences in Children's Thinking	DEP 6932	3
Seminar in Cognition	EXP 6609	3
Seminar in Developmental Psychobiology	PSB 6509	3
Developmental Neurobiology	PSB 6515	3
Developmental Neuropsychology	PSB 6516	3
<b>Social/Personality</b>		
Seminar in Evolutionary Psychology	CBH 6303	3
Seminar in Personality and Social Development	DEP 6098	3
Seminar in Self-Concept and Behavior	PPE 6209	
Seminar in Experimental Studies of Personality	PPE 6709	3
Special Topics in Personality/Social Psychology	PPE 6930	3
Evolution of Human Sexuality	PSY 6840	3
Advanced Social Behavior	SOP 6079	3
Seminar in Social Cognition and Behavior	SOP 6440	3
<b>Behavioral Neuroscience</b>		
Principles of Neuroscience	PSB 6037	3
Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience	PSB 6058	3
Neuroscience 1	PSB 6345	3
Neuroscience 2	PSB 6346	3
Seminar in Developmental Psychobiology	PSB 6509	3
Developmental Neuropsychology	PSB 6516	3
Seminar in Biopsychology of Language	PSB 6809	3.
Special Topics in Behavioral Neuroscience	PSB 6930	3
<b>Electives - <del>18</del> 9 credits</b>		
<i>Select three courses (9 credits), from one of the four areas above, one from each of the areas outside of your major area. The remaining three courses (9 credits) may come from any of the four areas.</i>		
<b>Dissertation - 9 credits (minimum)</b>		
Dissertation	PSY 7980	1-9
<b>Additional Electives and Dissertation - 32 credits</b>		
<i>Select 32 credits of electives (from areas above), dissertation credits (PSY 7980), Advanced Research in Psychology, (PSY 7978), or Directed Independent Study (EXP 6908).</i>		

A total of four quantitative courses (10 credits) is required. All doctoral students must take the 3-credit Experimental Design I course (PSY 6206) or the 3-credit Experimental Design 2 course (PSY 6207), but they need not take both. The 1-credit Experimental Design 1 Lab course (PSY 6206L) is required, but this requirement may be waived with the written approval of the advisor. All quantitative courses outside of the Experimental Design sequence must be approved by the Department of Psychology graduate committee chair. For students who take both Experimental Design I and Experimental Design 2, the third 3-credit quantitative course must be a course offered by the Department of Psychology (or another unit in the College of Science).

Students must take five courses (15 credits) in their major area.

An additional ~~six~~ **three** courses (9 credits) are required. ~~Of this total, students must take at least consisting of~~ one regularly offered Department of Psychology seminar in each the following areas of study (excluding the student's major area): behavioral neuroscience, cognition, developmental and social/personality. Any single course will satisfy the requirement of only one area (e.g., Seminar in Personality and Social Development can fulfill the developmental or social/personality area requirement, but not both). ~~Courses taken outside of the Department of Psychology must be approved by the student's advisor and the Department of Psychology graduate committee chair.~~

A minimum of 9 Ph.D. dissertation credits (PSY 7980) are required. Students must register for dissertation credits starting the semester after they are admitted to candidacy and during each subsequent regular academic (fall and spring) semester.

An additional 32 credits are required, which may be filled with electives, dissertation credits, Advanced Research in Psychology (PSY 7978) and Directed Independent Study (EXP 6908).

Taken together, doctoral students must complete a minimum of 10 graduate courses (30 credits) in the Department of Psychology (excluding thesis and dissertation credits, advanced research in psychology and directed independent study).

Students are required to maintain a grade point average of "B" (3.0) or better. Courses with grades of "C+" or lower will not satisfy program requirements.