Degree Requirements

Students earn the MA degree en route to the PhD, and they are required to follow Plan I. The MA degree is awarded after twenty-four credit hours of coursework, six credit hours of thesis, and an approved completed thesis. The 24 hours of coursework may vary by concentration, but must include the following:

- PY 602 Advanced Statistics I
- PY 607 Research Methods in Psychology

The student's PhD Plan of Study must be approved by the department and the Graduate School by the time the student completes 30 graduate semester hours of UA and/or transfer course work; otherwise, a "hold" may be placed on future registration. The minimum number of credit hours required for the PhD in psychology varies by concentration. All graduate students complete the General Psychology Core, the Research Skills Core, a master's thesis and a doctoral dissertation. In addition, clinical students complete the Clinical Core and a year-long clinical internship. Students in each of the clinical and experimental concentrations also complete advanced coursework in their concentration. More detailed information is available at the Department of Psychology website.

Additional information is in the Degree Requirements section of this catalog.

General Psychology Core:
- PY 650 Cognition and Learning
- PY 651 Physiological Psychology or PY 629 Cognitive Neuroscience
- Two of: PY 670 Perception, PY 652 Life-Span Developmental Psychology, PY 672 Advanced Social Psychology (some concentrations require a specific course from this set)
- PY 471 History and Systems if not taken as an undergraduate

Research Skills Core:
- PY 607 Research Methods in Psychology
- PY 602 Advanced Statistics I
- PY 603 Advanced Statistics II
- One of: PY 604 Multivariate Methods of Analysis, PY 659/BER 558 Psychometrics, BER 646 Structural Equations Modeling, or approved alternative

Advanced Coursework as applicable (see details at the Psychology website):
- Clinical Core (required for clinical only)
- PY 695 Teaching of Psychology (required for Experimental, optional for clinical)
- Advanced Coursework in Student's Concentration

Thesis and Dissertation Hours:
- PY 599 Thesis research (6 hours)
- PY 699 Dissertation research (24 hours)