

10/16 Psi Chi General Body Meeting!

Welcome to our Second
Meeting!
Psychology Tracks and Careers



Attendance!



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Future Dates

Applications close 10/17

11:59 PM

AAP Grad School Fair 10/20

1 PM - 4 PM: Pegasus Ballroom - SU

Halloween Social 10/30

6:30 PM - Visual Arts Building 0111

GBM 3: 11/13/23 - How to be competitive in Undergrad w/ AAP

6:30 PM - Visual Arts Building 0111

GRAD PREP WEEK

October 16 - 20, 2023 | ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS

AAP Grad School Prep Week is this week!

OCT 16 11 AM



Panel

Grad Student Panel: Applying and Succeeding in Graduate School

Zoom Meeting: bit.ly/23GPWGRADPANEL

OCT 16 2 PM

Graduate School Application Process

Leben Goldman

Zoom: bit.ly/23GPWGRADPROCESS

Session

OCT 17 10 AM

What to Consider When Considering Graduate School

Clearra Smith

Zoom: bit.ly/23GPWCONSIDERGRADSCHOOL

Session

OCT 17 3 PM

Getting Great Letters of Recommendation

Kristine Sikora

Zoom: bit.ly/23GPWLETTERSOFREC

Session

OCT 18 11 AM

Developing Your Statement of Purpose

Don C. Brunson

Zoom: bit.ly/23GPWDEVELOPSOP

Session

OCT 18 3 PM



Panel

Summer Off-Campus Research Panel | Co-Sponsored by OUR

Hybrid Event : Zoom: bit.ly/23GPWSUMMERRESEARCH and in Trevor Colburn Hall, Room 201

OCT 19 1 PM

Graduate and Professional School Fair

Visit: bit.ly/2023GradSchoolExpo to Register

Expo



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Guest Speaker: Dr. Chesnut

- Ph.D., General Psychology with an Emphasis in Cognition and Instruction
- M.S., Clinical Psychology

Tracks within the Psych Major!

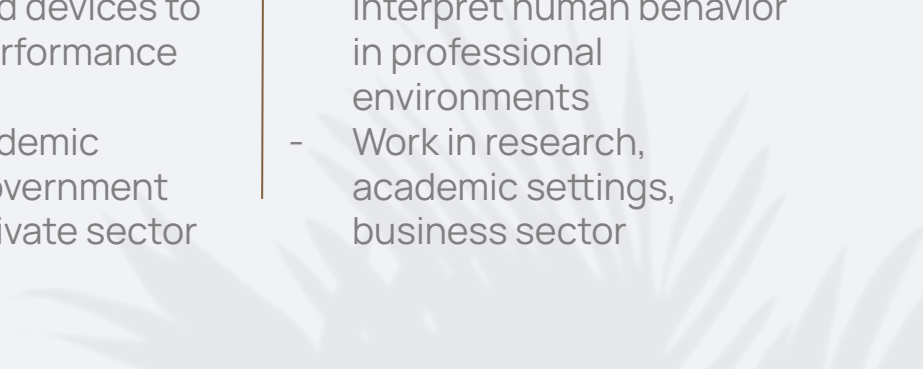
Clinical

- Diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of psychological abnormalities
- May offer counseling and referral advising
- Also includes research, teaching, etc.
- Work in hospitals, clinics, schools, prisons

Human Factors

- Studies the interaction between humans and machines/technology
- Using psychological science to guide the design of products, systems and devices to increase performance and safety
- Work in academic settings, government settings, private sector

I/O

- Focused on group and individual satisfaction, health, and safety of **employees** in any number of fields
 - Observe, analyse, and interpret human behavior in professional environments
 - Work in research, academic settings, business sector
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Tracks within the Psych Major!

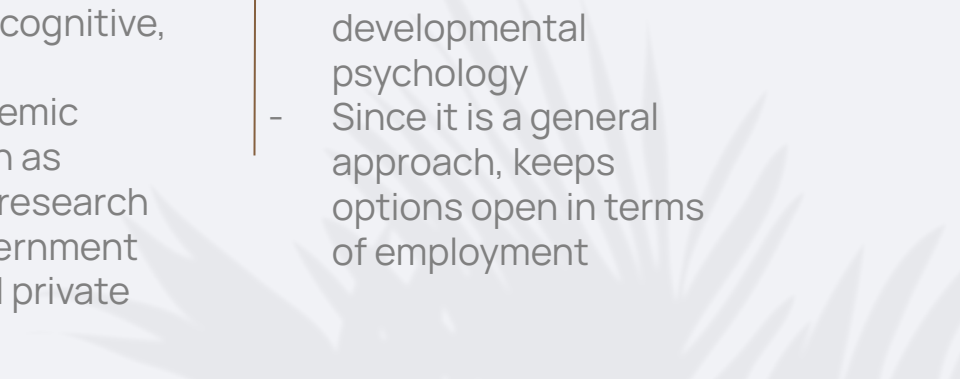
Neuroscience

- Integrates psychology, biology, chemistry, and physics
- Studies the nervous system to increase knowledge on things such as thoughts, emotions, and behavior
- Work in academic settings, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies

Experimental

- Concerned with testing theories of human thoughts, feelings, actions via empirical methods
- Consists of multiple branches within psychology (cognitive, behavioral)
- Work in academic settings such as universities, research centers, government settings, and private sector

General

- This track consists of a broad study of the basic principles, issues, and methods underlying psychology such as cognitive, social, forensic, and developmental psychology
 - Since it is a general approach, keeps options open in terms of employment
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Track-related courses

Most of the tracks have track-related courses you must take to satisfy your degree.

Except the General Track! The General Track allows you to take any 5 courses taught by the Psychology Department with a few exceptions.



Track 1: Clinical Psychology

5 courses (min.15 hrs)

Required:

CLP 3143 Abnormal Psychology

Select 4 of the following:

APK 3400 Sports Psychology

CLP 3004 Behavioral Self Control

CLP 3184 Women's Mental Health

CLP 3302 Clinical Psychology

CLP 3413 Contemporary Behavior Therapy

CLP 4134 Childhood Psychopathology

CLP 4314 Health Psychology

CLP 4390 Forensic Psychology

DEP 3202 Psychology of Exceptional Children

DEP 3464 Psychology of Aging

EAB 3703 Principles of Behavior Modification

EAB 3706 Behavior Modification Part 2

PCO 4203 Interviewing and Counseling

PPE 3003 Personality Theory and Research

PSB 3441 Psychobiological Aspects of Drugs

PSY 3302 Psychological Measurement

PSY 4215C Advanced Research Methods in Psychology

SOP 2772 Sexual Behavior

SOP 3751 Legal Aspects of Psychology

**Study, diagnose, and
treat mental, emotional,
and behavioral disorders**

Resources and Opportunities



PsychAdvising

Guides you on the right path!
Located on 3rd Floor of Psych Bldg
psychadvising@ucf.edu



Career Services

Great to help prepare you for job searching!
CSEL building is located right next to the Psych Building!



Academic Advancement Programs (AAP)

Provides programs and advising to prepare for graduate school.
<https://aap.ucf.edu/>



Office of Undergrad Research (OUR)

Guides to get involved in research!
Located Trevor Colbourn Hall,
Room 205A

<https://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/our/>

Jobs with a Psych B.S.

Animal trainer

Career counselor

Case Worker

Child development/welfare

Coach

Computer programmer

(with some additional training)

Criminal investigator

Data analytics

Disability policy

Human resources advisor

Market research analyst

Personnel recruiter

Police Officer

Preschool teacher

Psychiatric aide/technician

Public relations specialist

Real estate agent

Research assistant

Social services aide

Substance abuse counselor

Teacher (with additional training)

Technical writer

Veteran's counselor/representative

Victim Advocate

Graduate Degrees

Master's

Less research focused, shorter graduate degree focused on a broader area of psychology

PhD

A research focused advanced graduate degree. Involves several years of focused research on specific aspect of psychology

PsyD

Advanced clinical focused degree in psychology that usually focuses on mental health/mental illness care. The vast majority of its training experiences are clinical in nature.

MD/PhD

A combination of a medical degree with a focus on psychiatry and a PhD in psychology. Common for Psychiatry students

EdD/EdS

Advanced graduate degree in school psychology. This tends to be like a mix of a psychology and education graduate degree

Fields of Psychology

- 1) Social Work (Masters or Doctorate)
- 2) Counseling (Masters)
- 3) Marriage and Family Therapy (Masters)
- 4) School psychology (Masters or Doctoral degree)
- 5) Masters in General Psychology
- 6) Counseling psychology (Doctoral degree)
- 7) Developmental, Social Cognitive psychology (Doctoral degree)
- 8) Psychiatry (Medical degree)
- 9) Clinical psychology (including clinical child psychology, clinical adult psychology, and clinical health and pediatric psychology) (Doctoral degree)

Post Graduate School Career: Master's

Social Work

Some social workers become involved in advocacy or policy settings. Others become licensed clinical social workers and are able to provide therapy to clients, in ways that can be remarkably similar to the practice of a doctoral level psychologist. Clinically-trained social workers may include: Social Caseworkers, Medical Social Workers, School Social Workers, Clinical Social Workers, Administration and Management, Community Organization social workers, and Social Policy and Research.

Counseling

Counselors may have focused expertise in addictions, career counseling, clinical mental health or community agency counseling, marriage, couples and families, school counseling, student affairs and college counseling, gerontology, or counselor education and supervision.

Post Graduate School Career: Master's

Marriage and Family Therapy

Marriage and family therapists treat psychological disorders by considering the couple or the family as a system, or a unit that should be treated conjointly.

School psychologists

School psychologists generally are focused on helping children succeed in the school setting, both academically and emotionally. Most work in a school setting. School psychologists can be hired with only a master's degree but are not able to practice autonomously. However, they can be hired and even tenured within a public school system.

General Psychology

Option for students who wish to gain advanced experience in psychology before pursuing a doctoral degree.

Post Graduate School Career: Doctoral Degree

PsyD or PhD in Counseling Psychology - NOT quite the same thing as being a “counselor.”

Counseling psychologists work in private practice and counseling centers. Some work in academia as professors or clinical supervisors in counseling psychology graduate programs. They also conduct and interpret assessments. Counseling psychologists are **less heavily involved in research activities** than are clinical psychologists. They also are less likely to work as professors within university departments of psychology or work with severe forms of mental illness, such as autism, schizophrenia & bipolar disorder.

PhD in Developmental, Social, Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience

If you are interested in a strictly research and/or teaching career, either in a research center or as a professor in an academic position, any of these programs would be extremely attractive options. Developmental, social, cognitive, and neuroscience doctoral programs involve 4-6 years of training, coursework, master’s thesis, and dissertation. **Non-clinical fields do not involve any clinical practicum work, and there is no clinical internship year.** Doctoral programs in these fields also receive far fewer applicants than do programs in clinical psychology, thus making the chance of acceptance much higher.

Post Graduate School Career: Doctoral Degree

Developmental psychologists are interested in understanding topics such as cognitive, language, motor, social, emotional, and moral development. The field is invested in understanding influences on development, both intra-individual and interindividual, such as the role of parents, peers, schools, communities, and culture on development.

Social psychologists tackle issues such as prejudice, attitudes, social influence, and human behavior among peers in communities, in the workplace, within personal relationships and in unfamiliar settings. Many go on to work in business schools. Social psychologists also may address personality psychology, positive psychology, or health psychology issues.

Cognitive psychologists are interested in learning, language, perception, memory, and increasingly how the brain is involved in the ways we perceive, encode, and communicate with the world around us. Many work in academia, but increasingly their expertise is needed in our growing digital world.

Neuroscience is interested in understanding the nervous system and translating this knowledge to the treatment and prevention of nervous system disorders.

Post Graduate School Career: Doctoral Degree

PsyD or PhD in Clinical Psychology

Clinical Child/Adolescent Psychology. Generally concerned with psychopathology among youth.. Clinical work usually involves exposure to youth at all developmental levels, including infants, toddlers, school-aged youth, and adolescents. Clinical child/adolescent psychologists may work as practitioners, work in academia as professors, or work in a variety of settings (e.g., universities, medical centers, counseling centers) in which research, teaching, and/or clinical work is possible.

Clinical Adult Psychology. Also generally is concerned with psychopathology; however, the population of interest typically is above 18 years of age. Psychologists interested in working with the elderly specifically may focus on **geropsychology**. Like clinical child/adolescent psychologists, clinical adult psychologists may work in a variety of settings (e.g., universities, medical centers, counseling centers) in which research, teaching, and/or clinical work is possible.

Clinical Health Psychology and Pediatric Psychology. Also is concerned with psychopathology, but with a particular emphasis on symptoms or adjustment that is related to some aspect of physical health. Clinical health and pediatric psychologists tend to work in general hospital settings more often than do other clinical psychologists. However, clinical health and pediatric psychologists also may open a private practice or work in academia as professors, and both options offer a wide range of areas for research and clinical work.

Questions to ask yourself

- Interested in research? Teaching? Practicing (e.g., offering therapy or conducting assessments)? Consulting? Mentoring students? Working with young children? Adolescents? Adults? The elderly?
- Do you want to work in a hospital? A university? A teaching college? An elementary or secondary school? A business corporation? The government? A VA? A non-profit?
- Who will your colleagues be? What kind of job stability do you want? What salary? A consistent salary or one based on billable hours?
- How many years are you willing to dedicate toward training? Are you willing to move, perhaps several times, in order to complete all aspects of training?

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