

Frequently Asked Questions About Application Procedures

1. Must I be a psychology major to be considered for your programs?

A. No. However, you need to provide documentation that you have a basic knowledge and understanding of psychology (example, include GRE Subject Test and a list of psychology courses taken).

2. Do you have a part-time graduate program?

A. We are unable to accommodate students who are interested in taking classes part-time because of the way our program is designed and graduate classes are scheduled, which are held during the day.

3. Do you have a distance-learning program?

A. Because our classes are oriented as a hands-on environment we are not able to accommodate students who are interested in a distance-learning program.

4. Can I obtain my master's degree through your program?

A. Students accepted into our program will obtain a master's degree if they don't have one when they are admitted. However, we don't have a terminal master's degree program; we only accept students who are interested in obtaining a Ph.D.

5. What types of positions could a psychologist with a Ph.D. hold?

A. Our graduated students receive a strong background in research, teaching, and (for clinical students) practice. They are employed as faculty in a variety of academic settings as well as holding positions in government, private industry, medical settings, and mental health settings.

6. Do I need to take the GRE General and the Subject tests?

A. The GRE General Test is required. The Subject test is not required but is strongly recommended for all non-psychology majors.

7. Does your program have assistantships and/or tuition waivers?

A. Yes, students accepted into our program are assigned either as a graduate teaching or research assistant. In the past we have been able to award assistantships to all grad students for the duration of their enrollment in the program (approximately five years for most students). The assistantships awarded are considered part-time temporary positions (19.6 hours per week) and tuition waivers are provided with these assistantships. All awards are contingent upon available funds and satisfactory progress.

8. Is there health insurance available for graduate students?

A. Yes, all graduate students are allowed to participate in the graduate student health insurance program and need to cover the entire premium. Students who are awarded assistantships pay only a small portion of the annual premium.

9. When do your programs admit graduate students?

A. All of our programs admit only in the fall semester of each year (see our website for specific application deadline dates for each of the programs).

10. How many letters of recommendations should I send?

A. Please send three letters of recommendation. This gives the faculty several perspectives about your work.

11. What is the process for sending letters of recommendation?

A. While filling out the online department application (GAMES) you will be asked to submit email addresses for your letter writers. Your letter writers will then receive an email including a link to upload your letter. You can verify the letter has been uploaded by returning to GAMES.

12. Should I have my transcripts sent directly to the Psychology Department or may I send them along with my other application materials?

A. Official transcripts only need to be submitted to Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1100 Seaton Hall, Lincoln NE 68588-0619. You do not need to send separate copies to the Psychology Department.

13. Is it advantageous to send in my application materials ahead of the deadline?

A. Being observant of the application deadline is extremely important so your material is available and in order for the faculty to review files. However, there is no advantage in sending your application ahead of the deadline. Applications submitted online after the deadlines will not be accepted for consideration.

14. Do I pay my application fee directly to the Psychology Department, to Graduate Studies, or to both?

A. There is only one fee necessary and that goes to the Graduate Studies Department. The Psychology Department does not charge a separate application fee. If you are applying to a dual degree with the Law College, there is an additional fee to meet their requirements. Please contact the Law College for more information.

15. To whom should I address my questions to?

A. If you're applying to the biopsychology, cognitive, social, clinical or developmental program, please address them to Jamie Longwell at jlongwell1@unl.edu. If you're applying to the law psychology graduate program, please address them to Mandilyn Armour at marmour2@unl.edu.

16. How can I make sure that all of my application materials are received?

A. You will be able to determine what is missing from you application by logging into our online department application (GAMES).