

PSYCHOLOGY

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Scores from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) general test (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) are required. The GRE subject test in psychology is recommended but not required. Applicants with superior undergraduate (particularly junior and senior years) or graduate grade-point averages will be considered for admission. Although a major in psychology is not required, it is common, and other applicants typically have a broad undergraduate background that includes 12 credits in psychology. Undergraduate study in psychology should include a course in statistics and a psychological methodology course. Previous research experience is important in most program areas. Students must write a statement of purpose, identify up to three departmental faculty members of interest, and provide a writing sample and a current CV in the application materials.