The graduate program in Psychology is characterized by individualized study leading to the Ph.D. degree. Emphasis is placed on research, teaching, and professional career development. Each student is associated with one of the five program areas offered in the department:

- Clinical (Child and Adult tracks)
- Cognitive
- Developmental
- Industrial/Organizational
- Social

Each student's particular interests dictate in part the course of study followed. Within all areas, research is an integral part of graduate study. Usually, the research is empirical, but it may be applied or basic, depending on the problem of interest.

The department has excellent resources, including well-equipped laboratories and an outstanding faculty. Opportunities exist for practice experience. For example, clinical students engage in supervised therapy in a departmentally based community mental health center, while industrial/organizational students participate in a practicum on projects for various organizations. Additional resources are available across the university, including an imaging center, high-speed computing, and various training opportunities.