Admissions

We have a highly competitive and selective admissions process to all three programs. Requirements for admission are a B.A. or B.S. from accredited university (or international equivalent) and GRE scores taken within the past 5 years. We highly value research experience, and we expect an undergraduate GPA of 3.5 (B+) or better for Ph.D. applicants and a 3.3 for master’s applicants, as well as upper-percentile GRE scores. Most successful candidates to the Ph.D. programs have substantial research experience in an area directly relevant to the program they seek admission to.

Our Ph.D. programs only admit students on a full-time basis, with the M.A. degree typically awarded as the first step in doctoral training. Prospective students are expected to demonstrate substantial grounding in general psychology, as well as in their specialization. Master’s degree students can enroll full-time or part-time.

Requirements

- Resume: up to two pages in length
- Official transcripts: confirming prior degree conferral. Should be ordered at least one month prior to the application deadline. You may upload unofficial copies of your transcripts to your application while the Office of Admissions awaits receipt of your official transcripts.
- Official GRE scores (Code #2259)
- Official GRE subject score: NOT required but strongly recommended, particularly for students who do not have a B.A. in psychology for the clinical and applied developmental programs.
- Statement of intent: up to 500 words
- Writing sample: 5–20 pages in length
- Three letters of recommendation
- English proficiency: International applicants whose native language is not English are required to complete and submit to GSAS prior to matriculation. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores should be sent directly by the testing service. A waiver can be requested based on your educational history at a U.S.-based institution and if the official language of your country of origin/nationality is English.