Ph.D. IN PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology major in Developmental Psychology is a graduate program for students who have already acquired a graduate degree in psychology and wish to pursue higher studies and specialization in developmental psychology. Those who have acquired a graduate degree in a non-psychology program may also qualify provided that the necessary prerequisites and courses for the program are met.

The program aims to train students in developmental psychology using the domain approach in research and practice. The domain approach allows the PhD student to understand the different stages of human development in-depth, wherein each stage is demarcated focusing on research questions and methods, with implications for the training of specialists in the field. This approach includes the distinction of each stage (e.g. infancy and childhood, adolescent) and the dynamic interaction between or among the stages which give rise to problems or issues that demand research, therapy and other appropriate interventions. Emphasis is given on strengthening the student’s research skills, specifically in theorizing and conceptualizing original and scholarly researches and in engaging in actual application and practice of these researches in the field.

The program has two curricula to accommodate students’ different academic backgrounds. Candidates with a Master of Arts degree in Psychology take Curriculum A. Curriculum A requires 7 units of core subjects, 30 units of major developmental psychology subjects, 6 units of cognates, 6 units of internship and 12 units of dissertation. In addition, candidates with a Master in Psychology (non thesis) degree will be required to submit a qualifying research paper in psychology which demonstrates sufficient proof and readiness for advance research. This includes any of the following: published research paper in psychology, completed unpublished research paper in psychology, completed research paper presented in a reputable conference or convention or research paper co-authored with a psychologist with an MA or PhD.

Candidates without a Master’s degree in Psychology are offered Curriculum B, which requires them to take 14 units of undergraduate prerequisites in psychology before proceeding to the core and developmental psychology subjects. The student then takes 16 units of core subjects, 39 units of major developmental psychology, 6 units of cognates, 6 units of internship and 12 units of dissertation.

**Undergraduate Prerequisites (14 units)**  
*required for students who did not graduate with an MA in Psychology*

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**CORE SUBJECTS (Curriculum A: 7 units)**

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**CORE SUBJECTS (Curriculum B: 16 units)**

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REQUIRED DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBJECTS (Curriculum A: 15 units)

PY 207  Advanced Developmental Psychology +  3  
PY 307  Infancy and Childhood +  3  
PY 308  Adolescence +  3  
PY 309  Adulthood +  3  
PY 310  Seminar in Developmental Psychology: Geropsychology +  3  

REQUIRED DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBJECTS (Curriculum B: 24 units)

PY 207  Advanced Developmental Psychology  3  
PY 204  Advanced Personality Theories *  3  
PY 313  Socio Emotional & Personality Development +  3  
PY 314  Physical & Cognitive Development +  3  
PY 307  Infancy and Childhood +  3  
PY 308  Adolescence +  3  
PY 309  Adulthood +  3  
PY 310  Seminar in Developmental Psychology: Geropsychology +  3  

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBJECTS  
(Curriculum A: 15 units / Curriculum B: 15 units)

PY 305  Advanced Psychological Assessment I  3  
PY 306  Advanced Psychological Assessment II  3  
SPED 202  Curriculum Programming for Children with Special Needs  3  
PY 311  Program Development for the Children  3  
PY 215/PY 323  Advanced Abnormal Psychology  3  
PY 315  Play Therapy  3  
PY 206/PY 320  Counseling Psychology and Psychotherapy  3  
PY 316  Trauma Assessment and Recovery  3  
PY 221.4/PY 317  Introduction to Hypnotherapy  3  
PY 207  Marriage and Family Therapy  3  
PY 211/PY 318  Group Therapy  3  
PY 221.1/ PY 319  Couples Therapy  3  
PY 212/PY 322  Therapeutic Intervention for Children & Adolescents  3  
PY 221  Special Topics in Psychology  3  
PY 304  Research Methods with Children and Families  3  
PY 221.5/PY 325  Introduction to Forensic Psychology  3  
PY 221/PY 324  Special Topics in Psychology  3  
PY 312  Program Development for the Elderly  3  

ELECTIVES/COGNATES (Curriculum A: 6 units Curriculum B: 6 units)

Any of the subjects listed below or any other course approved by adviser:  

OTHER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:  
The student is required to pass a written comprehensive examination and pass his or her dissertation after completing all academic requirements.  

PY 326  Comprehensive Examination  0  
PY 327  Internship  6  
PY 328-1  Dissertation Writing  6  
PY 328-2 Oral Defense of Dissertation  6  
Total Number of Units for Curriculum A: 60 ( + 1 unit MC 201)
Total Number of Units for Curriculum B: 78 ( + 1 unit MC 201)

* Identified courses prerequisite for licensure in psychology.
+ Identified courses for specialization in developmental psychology.