About Our Graduate Program

We encourage you to explore our program with its eight major areas of focus within psychology.

Animal Behavior | Behavioral Neuroscience
General Clinical* | Child Clinical*
Cognition & Perception | Developmental
Social Psychology & Personality | Quantitative

Students in any of these areas may supplement their training with coursework in such specialties as Diversity Science and/or Quantitative Methods.

The goal of our program is to train the researchers and academicians of tomorrow.

This program is not designed for students seeking a terminal Master’s degree in Psychology.

Please visit our Department webpage, especially the FAQ for more information and answers to your questions: https://psych.uw.edu/

*Students trained in either General or Child Clinical Psychology will gain the skills to do research and teach in these areas, but will require additional training in clinical work.

We accept applications once a year.

Materials for Admissions 2020 must be submitted by Monday, December 2, 2019 to be considered for possible entry the following autumn quarter.

2020 Recruitment Days, our interview/recruitment event, is scheduled for March 5-6, 2020. Please save this date and we encourage you to attend if you have been invited by our Graduate Program.
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Diversity Steering Committee (DSC)
A committee composed of graduate students and faculty of all racial and ethnic backgrounds from the Department of Psychology who wish to provide a supportive network for URM students and their allies. psychdsc@uw.edu for more information.

Minority Student Representation
We currently have 34 graduate students from diverse ethnic backgrounds representing 36% of the graduate student population in the Department. URM students are found in almost all major areas of the department, although they are most numerous in clinical, child clinical, social, and cognitive psychology.

Minority Faculty Representation
Ana Mari Cauce, Ph.D.  Sapna Cheryan, Ph.D.  Jaime Diaz, Ph.D.  William H. George, Ph.D.  Jeansok Kim, Ph.D.  Sheri Mizumori, Ph.D.  Yuichi Shoda, Ph.D.  Joseph Sisneros, Ph.D.

Information for Prospective Underrepresented Minoritized (URM) Community Members
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Diversity Admissions (table to immediate left)
The Department relies upon traditional criteria (e.g., GPA, GREs, letters, statement of purpose, etc.) in its evaluation of applicants. However, special consideration is made of students’ backgrounds and potentials. As a result, the students admitted to the Department have exhibited a wide range of performance on traditional criteria. We do consider special talents, aptitudes, and abilities, and make an effort to increase the proportion of diverse students.