

Psychological and Brain Sciences Ph.D. Program Handbook

Welcome

The Psychological and Brain Sciences Ph.D. Program faculty is dedicated to students' successful progression and completion of the program. This handbook is an important reference on

Program Requirements

Program requirements regarding admission, coursework and culminating experience are found in the graduate catalog.

For

EPY 734: Latent Variable Models: Factor Analysis and SEM
EPY 732:

feedback regarding the design of the master's project. Normally, the student provides a brief overview of the introduction section and more detailed presentations of the hypothesis and research design. The student should be able to answer questions and clarify design issues. Following questions, the student is asked to leave the room and the committee decides whether the student passes or fails the proposal meeting. Following committee deliberations, the student is then invited back to the meeting and is informed

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after the master's thesis defense will result in the student being placed on probation and may result in separation from the program. Students must enroll in PSY 773 for 3 credits during the semester the student plans to defend the Qualifying Activity.

Option 1. Qualifying Paper(s)

In option one, the student will write a) one long paper; or b) three shorter papers that review and integrate relevant knowledge and research related to the student's area of specialization. Although there

If a student fails to pass the qualifying activity, the

submitted to committee members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled dissertation proposal

Professional Code of Ethics/Discipline Guidelines

UNLV Graduate College policy regarding academic integrity can be found in the graduate catalog. The Psychological and Brain Sciences Doctoral Program endorses the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. It is expected that all students adhere to these ethical standards in their roles as graduate students and graduate assistants.

master's project, the doctoral dissertation, and other individual research projects. Both master's level and doctoral research are monitored and evaluated by the appropriate committee. Failure to make adequate progress on any of these projects will result in separation from the program.

Additional Program Information

Psychology Graduate Research Conference

Each third-year graduate student is expected to participate in the research conference that normally occurs each year during the Spring semester. The research conference allows the student an opportunity to present their master's thesis or other research project in a psychology conference format. First- and second-year graduate students are also expected to attend.

Teaching of Psychology Course

Individuals who are part-time graduate assistant instructors (PTI-GAs; third-year graduate students and/or those who have completed their master's thesis) are required to complete the Teaching of Psychology course. PTI-GAs normally teach two sections of General Psychology (PSY 101) each semester for two semesters. The Teaching of Psychology course must either be taken concurrently or completed prior to serving as an instructor in any course. After completing the Teaching of Psychology course and teaching General Psychology for one year, PTI-GAs may petition the department to teach other undergraduate Psychology courses (e.g., Research Methods, Social Psychology, etc.) if their PTI GA positions are renewed for a second year.

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maximum of 13 credits may be waived. Psychological and Brain Sciences students, however, must meet the residency requirement of 14 graduate credits plus 6 thesis credits (20 total) taken at UNLV for the master's degree. These students must also complete the thesis. Upon successful completion of these requirements, students will receive a master's degree from UNLV.

Scenario 3 applies when students have former graduate status, such as graduate classes previously taken at another institution, but have not received a graduate degree from that institution. For these incoming students, a maximum of 9 credits may be transferred toward the master's degree from UNLV.

Scenario 4 applies when a student has taken graduate level coursework at UNLV, but has not matriculated into the

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Writing Center

This is a free service to UNLV students to help you with any writing project, from papers to creative writing, to resumes, and we can work with you at any stage of the writing process. The center can help you brainstorm, make an outline, work on your drafts, or just be a soundboard for you.

Handbook Information

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