

# Doctor of Philosophy - Psychology [Psychological & Brain Sciences]

## Plan Description

The Graduate Faculty of the Department of Psychology is comprised of a group of dedicated individuals who have received their training at outstanding graduate programs. We continue to recruit accomplished scholars who will enhance the quality and diversity of the graduate experience available to our students. The department is committed to providing ~~our~~ graduate students **in Psychological & Brain Sciences** with a high quality program balanced across ~~classroom classrooms~~, laboratories, and other research settings, ~~and for clinical students, various practicum placements. The department currently offers M. A. and Ph. D. degrees through the Clinical and Experimental Psychology Tracks.~~ The UNLV ~~Clinical Psychology Tracks prepare students to address human concerns through both scholarly research and the application of psychological knowledge and skills. We recognize psychology as an empirical science and expect students to have a broad understanding of existing psychological knowledge. We guide students to base their scholarly and professional activity on the scientific foundation of psychology. Through an integration of didactic study, supervised clinical activity, and mentored scholarly research, we prepare students as generalist scientist-practitioners to conduct scientific research and clinical interventions with children and adults.~~ **Psychological & Brain Sciences** Doctoral Program trains students to become psychological scientists capable of carrying out independent research that lives up to international standards of scientific excellence. Upon completing the degree, students will be qualified to seek careers conducting research in academia and in other institutional and applied settings. Areas of ~~research~~ **psychological and brain science** in which faculty supervise students are: Cognitive ~~Psychology~~, Neuroscience, Developmental ~~Psychology~~, and Quantitative/Experimental ~~Psychology~~. The program operates on a mentor model in which students work under the supervision of an identified faculty mentor. We welcome students from diverse backgrounds and ~~encourage encourage~~ research in topics related to multiculturalism and diversity. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory. Learning outcomes for specific ~~subplan tracks subplans~~ can be found below: Doctor of Philosophy- ~~Psychology, Clinical Psychology~~ **Psychological & Brain Sciences**

## Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines Applications **are** available on the UNLV Graduate College website. ~~The program is accredited by the American Psychological Association.~~ All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. ~~Clinical Psychology Tracks The Clinical Psychology Tracks currently admit only students seeking a doctoral degree. The program admits students for matriculation only in the fall semester. The application deadline is December 1 prior to the fall for which matriculation is being requested. Applicants will be notified of their status prior to April 15. We anticipate entering classes Psychological & Brain Sciences areas of 5-8 students each year. Typical admitted students have GPAs of 3.7 and GRE scores of 600 (see <http://psychology.unlv.edu/clinical.htm#Admission> for more information). A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or a master's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. We strongly recommend that applicants have a degree in psychology. Applicants should have completed at least 18 hours of undergraduate psychology courses including~~

~~statistics, abnormal psychology, and experimental psychology. Satisfactory scores on the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Three letters of recommendation. A statement of purpose written by the applicant. A personal interview with members of the program faculty is required for finalists in the selection process. We will notify applicants if they are finalists in February under most circumstances. If a personal interview is not feasible, a telephone interview may be substituted. In unusual circumstances, students who do not meet these admission requirements may be admitted.~~

**Experimental Psychology Tracks**The **Experimental Psychology tracks study** currently admit only students seeking a doctoral degree. The program admits students for matriculation only in the fall semester. The application deadline is December 1st before the fall for which matriculation ~~is~~ **is** being requested. Review of completed applications will continue until all positions are filled. Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials as early as possible. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.20 (A= 4.00) or a master's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.50. Applicants with a bachelor's degree must have completed at least 18 hours in undergraduate psychology courses including Statistics and Research Methods or their equivalents. ~~Post-bachelor students entering the neuroscience emphasis track that are lacking sufficient background in neuroscience will complete PSY 701 prior to taking PSY 719 and PSY 720.~~ Post-master students entering the ~~Quantitative/Experimental~~ **Quantitative/Exp-erimental emphasis track** **Quantitative/Experimental area of study** that are lacking sufficient background in statistics will complete PSY 708 and PSY 709 prior to taking elective credits. Satisfactory scores on the ~~Verbal Verba l~~ **Verbal** and Quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination ~~(GRE)~~ **(GRE)**. Three letters of recommendation. A statement of purpose written by the applicant. Admission to the program will be based on a mentoring model. Students under serious consideration for admission to the ~~Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences Ph. D.~~ **Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences Ph. D.** Program are required to have a personal interview with the sponsoring faculty member and at least two other program faculty members. If a personal interview is not financially or pragmatically feasible, a telephone interview may be substituted. Note: Strong applicants who fail to meet one of the ~~Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ **Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences** Program admission requirements may still be considered for admission. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding ~~sub-disciplines and sub-plans~~ **subplans** within the described ~~programs~~ **program** are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below. Subplan 1: Post-Bachelor's ~~–Clinical Psychology TrackSubplan~~ **Quantitative/ExperimentalSubplan** 2: ~~Post-Master's Post-Bachelor's –Clinical Psychology~~ **Cognitive Emphasis TrackSubplan CognitiveSubplan** 3: Post-Bachelor's ~~–Experimental~~ **Psychology—Quantitative/ExperimentalTrackSubplan NeuroscienceSubplan** 4: Post-Bachelor's ~~–Experimental Psychology—Cognitive Emphasis TrackSubplan~~ **DevelopmentalSubplan** 5: ~~Post-Bachelor's—Experimental Psychology Post-Master's –Neuroscience Emphasis~~ **TrackSubplan Quantitative/ExperimentalSubplan** 6: ~~Post-Bachelor's Post-Master's –~~ **Experimental Psychology—Developmental Emphasis TrackSubplan CognitiveSubplan** 7: Post-Master's ~~–Experimental Psychology—Quantitative/Experimental TrackSubplan~~ **NeuroscienceSubplan** 8: Post-Master's ~~–Experimental Psychology—Cognitive Emphasis~~ **TrackSubplan** 9: ~~Post-Master's—Experimental Psychology—Neuroscience Emphasis~~ **TrackSubplan** 10: ~~Post-Master's—Experimental Psychology—~~ **Developmental-Emphasis Track**

~~Subplan 1 Requirements: Post-Bachelor's—Clinical Psychology Track~~

~~Total Credits Required: 93~~

## Course Requirements

### Clinical Foundation Courses — Credits: 27

<b>PSY 712 Psychometrics</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 714 History and Foundations of Clinical Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 715 Assessment of Children</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 716 Assessment of Adults</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 725 Intervention with Children</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 726 Intervention with Adults</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 736 Psychopathology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 750 Diversity in Professional Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 755 Ethics and Professional Issues</b>	<b>3</b>

### Research Methods and Statistics Courses — Credits: 9

<b>PSY 707 Research Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II</b>	<b>3</b>

### Practicum — Credits: 6

<b>PSY 767 Practicum</b>	<b>3</b>
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### Thesis — Credits: 6

<b>PSY 769 Thesis</b>	<b>3—6</b>
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**After successfully completing the requirements above, students are eligible to earn the Master of Arts — Psychology.**

### Scientific Breadth in Psychology Courses — Credits: 12

<b>PSY 701 Biological Bases of Behavior</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 703 Cognitive Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 704 Social Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 721 Developmental Science</b>	<b>3</b>

## ~~Elective Courses — Credits: 6~~

~~Complete 6 credits of 700-level Psychology courses. Other 700-level courses offered by other departments may be taken with approval of the student's advisor and the Clinical Program Committee.~~

## ~~Practicum — Credits: 12~~

~~**PSY 767 Practicum**~~

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## ~~Internship — Credits: 3~~

~~Complete a full calendar year APA-approved clinical psychology internship.~~

~~**PSY 771 Professional Internship**~~

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## ~~Dissertation — Credits: 12~~

~~**PSY 770 Dissertation**~~

~~**3—12**~~

## ~~Degree Requirements~~

~~En route to doctoral candidacy the student must complete the requirements for a master's degree in psychology, and complete 6 credits of thesis over a minimum of 2 semesters. The thesis must be proposed and defended orally.~~

~~In addition to a master's degree in Psychology equivalent to the one previously described (48 credits), a minimum of 45 semester hours in graduate psychology is required for the doctoral degree.~~

~~Comprehensive Examination. The Comprehensive examination for the doctoral program will consist of an examination administered once each year. Students may take the exam after they have completed 66 credits and the Master's thesis.~~

~~Electives consist of any 700-level Psychology courses excluding Independent Study, Practicum, Independent Research, Thesis, Dissertation, and Professional Internship.~~

~~Students must obtain a grade of B- or better in each course taken for that course to count toward the degree. One grade below a B- (i.e. C+ or lower) will result in probation. Once on probation for receiving a grade below a B-, a second grade (in the same or different classes) below a B-, will result in immediate separation from the program. If a student re-takes a course in which s/he received a grade lower than a B- (i.e. C+ or lower) and earns a B- or better, s/he will be removed from probation. A student may only be on academic probation twice during their graduate career in Psychology; a third probation will result in separation from the program. No student shall be allowed more than two simultaneous grades of incomplete, except in the case of~~

~~a documented and approved medical leave.~~

~~Students must conform to all policies of the UNLV Graduate College, as stated in the UNLV Graduate Catalog, those stated in the UNLV Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Student Handbook, and the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics. Students will be evaluated at least yearly across several professional competencies. Inadequate performance in one or more may result in the imposition of additional requirements, loss of Graduate Assistantship, probation, or separation from the program.~~

~~Transfer Credits. Admitted clinical students may transfer credits from graduate studies in other programs contingent upon departmental approval and in accordance with Graduate College policy.~~

~~The dissertation must be orally proposed and defended.~~

## Graduation Requirements

~~The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements for both the Master's and Doctoral portions of the program.~~

~~The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public. After the thesis defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their thesis to the Graduate College for format check. Once the thesis format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for thesis defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found here.~~

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## Subplan 2 Requirements: Post-Master's — Clinical Psychology Track

Total Credits Required: 81

## Course Requirements

**Clinical Foundation Courses — Credits: 27**

<del>PSY 712 Psychometrics</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 714 History and Foundations of Clinical Psychology</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 715 Assessment of Children</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 716 Assessment of Adults</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 725 Intervention with Children</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 726 Intervention with Adults</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 736 Psychopathology</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 750 Diversity in Professional Psychology</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 755 Ethics and Professional Issues</del>	<del>3</del>

**Research Methods and Statistics Courses — Credits: 9**

<del>PSY 707 Research Methods</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II</del>	<del>3</del>

**Scientific Breadth in Psychology Courses — Credits: 12**

<del>PSY 701 Biological Bases of Behavior</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 703 Cognitive Psychology</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 704 Social Psychology</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSY 721 Developmental Science</del>	<del>3</del>

**Practicum — Credits: 18**

<del>PSY 767 Practicum</del>	<del>3</del>
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**Internship — Credits: 3**

~~Complete a full calendar year APA-approved clinical psychology internship.~~

<del>PSY 771 Professional Internship</del>	<del>1</del>
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**Dissertation — Credits: 12**

<del>PSY 770 Dissertation</del>	<del>3—12</del>
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**Degree Requirements**

~~Students must complete a minimum of 81 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.00. Additional credits may be required to address student deficiencies or build specialized expertise.~~

~~The number of required Clinical Foundation Courses, Research Methods and Statistics Courses, and Scientific Breadth in Psychology Courses will be determined in consultation with the Director of Clinical Training. Additional credits may be required to address student deficiencies or build specialized expertise.~~

~~Comprehensive Examination. The comprehensive examination for the doctoral program will consist of an examination administered once each year. Students may take the exam after they have completed 45 credits.~~

~~Students must obtain a grade of B or better in each course taken for that course to count toward the degree. One grade below a B (i.e., C+ or lower) will result in probation. Once a student is on probation for receiving a grade below a B, a second grade (in the same or different classes) below a B will result in immediate separation from the program. If a student retakes a course in which he or she received a grade lower than a B (i.e., C+ or lower) and earns a B or better, that student will be removed from probation. Students may be on academic probation only twice during their graduate career in Psychology; a third probation will result in separation from the program. No student shall be allowed more than two simultaneous grades of incomplete, except in the case of a documented and approved medical leave.~~

~~Students must conform to all policies of the UNLV Graduate College as stated in the UNLV Graduate Catalog, all policies stated in the UNLV Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Student Handbook, and the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics. Students will be evaluated at least yearly across several professional competencies. Inadequate performance in one or more may result in the imposition of additional requirements, loss of Graduate Assistantship, probation, or separation from the program.~~

~~Transfer Credits. Admitted clinical students may transfer credits from graduate studies in other programs contingent upon departmental approval and in accordance with Graduate College policy.~~

~~The dissertation must be orally proposed and defended.~~

## Graduation Requirements

~~Students must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements.~~

~~Students must submit and successfully defend their dissertation by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.~~

~~After the dissertation defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their dissertation to the Graduate College for format check. Once the dissertation format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for dissertation defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found here.~~

## Subplan ~~3~~ **1** Requirements: Post-Bachelor's-~~Experimental Psychology~~-Quantitative/~~Experimental~~-**Emphasis Track**

Total Credits Required: 72

### Course Requirements

#### Required Courses – Credits: 12

PSY 707 Research Methods	3
PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

#### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study.

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology	1 – 2
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#### Breadth Courses – Credits: 3

Complete one course from one of the following options:

[Before] Option 1:

PSY 704 Social Psychology	3
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Option 2:

PSY 701 Biological Bases of Behavior	3
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PSY 719 Behavioral Neuroscience	3
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PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3
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Option 3:

PSY 703 Cognitive Psychology	3
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PSY 718 Cognitive Science	3
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Option 4:



PSY 705 Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 721 Developmental Science	3

## Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of 700-level Psychology courses, or 600/700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments.

## Thesis – Credits: 6

PSY 769 Thesis	3 – 6
[After] After successfully completing the requirements above, students are eligible to earn <del>the Master of Arts – Psychology in Psychological &amp; Brain Sciences</del> an MA.	

## Breadth Courses – Credits: 3

Complete one course from one of the following options that has not been applied to the master's degree:

[Before] Option 1:

PSY 704 Social Psychology	3
[Before]	

Option 2:

PSY 701 Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 719 Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3
[Before]	

Option 3:

PSY 703 Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY 718 Cognitive Science	3
[Before]	

Option 4:

PSY 705 Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 721 Developmental Science	3

## ~~New~~ Core Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3

Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when

### defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits

## Elective Courses – Credits: ~~24~~ 21

Complete ~~24~~ 21 credits of 700-level **Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences Psychology** courses, or 600/700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. Students should use their elective credits to specialize in some area of quantitative/experimental psychology. Students will construct their course structures in collaboration with their mentors. See the **Experimental Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences** Ph. D. Program Handbook for potential areas of specialization and proposed course plans for these areas of specialization. **One elective typically taken by students is: PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology-3 credits.**

**PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology**

**3**

## Dissertation – Credits: 12

PSY 770 Dissertation

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## Degree Requirements

En route to doctoral candidacy the student must complete the requirements for a master's degree in **psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences** and complete 6 credits of thesis over a minimum of 2 semesters. In addition to a master's degree in **Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences** equivalent to the one previously described (**33 credits**), a minimum of 39 **semester hours credits** in graduate **psychology coursework** is required for the doctoral degree. Student will be required to complete a Qualifying Activity before proposing a Dissertation. The purpose of the qualifying activity is for the student to acquire not only the expertise in a given area, but also the ability to explain, discuss, and debate questions within that and related areas. Students may choose, in consultation with their advisor, from the following qualifying activities: one extensive qualifying paper, three brief papers, a written examination, or an oral examination. Students must obtain a grade of B- or better in each course taken for that course to count toward the degree. One grade below a B- (i. e., C+ or lower) **will** result in probation. Once a student is on probation for receiving a grade below a B-, a second grade (in the same or a different class) below a B-, will result in immediate separation from the **program pro gram**. If a student re-takes a course in which s/he received a grade lower than a B- (i. e., C+ or lower) and earns a B- or better, s/he will be removed from probation. A student may be on academic probation only twice during their graduate career in **Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences**; a third probation will result in separation from the program. No student shall be allowed more than two simultaneous grades of incomplete, except in the case of a documented and approved medical leave. Students must conform to all policies of the UNLV Graduate College, as stated in the UNLV Graduate Catalog, those stated in the UNLV **Experimental Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences** Doctoral Program Student Handbook, and the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics. Students will be evaluated at least yearly across several professional competencies in the following three areas: (1) academic performance; (2) scholarly research activity; and (3) ethical behavior and professional conduct. If the program determines that a student is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree, it may request the Graduate Dean to separate the student from the

program or place the student on probation. Failure to meet the conditions of the probation will result in separation from the program. Students must take a minimum of four semesters of dissertation which can include summers. The dissertation must be orally proposed and defended.

## Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements for both the Master's and Doctoral portions of the program.

The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

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## Subplan ~~4~~ **2** Requirements: Post-Bachelor's-~~Experimental Psychology-Cognitive-Emphasis Track~~

Total Credits Required: 72

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 9

PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study:

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology

1 – 2

### Cognitive Emphasis Courses – Credits: 6

Complete two of the following courses:

PSY 717 Cognitive Methods	3
PSY 718 Cognitive Science	3
PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3

### Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of 700-level **Psychology Psychological & Brain Sciences Psychology** courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. Courses at the 600-level offered by other departments require approval by the advisor and the **Experimental Psychological & Brain Sciences** Program Director.

### Thesis – Credits: 6

PSY 769 Thesis 3 – 6

[After] After successfully completing the requirements above, students are eligible to earn **the Master of Arts in Psychology Psychological & Brain Sciences an MA.**

### Cognitive Emphasis Courses – Credits: 3

Complete the course that has not been applied to the master's degree:

PSY 717 Cognitive Methods	3
PSY 718 Cognitive Science	3
PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3

### Cognitive Seminar Courses – Credits: 3

Complete one of the following seminar courses:

PSY 747 Topics in Perception	3
PSY 748 Topics in Memory:	3
PSY 749 Topics in Cognitive Processes:	3

## **New Core Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3**

**Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits**

## **Elective Courses – Credits: ~~21~~ 18**

Complete ~~21~~ 18 credits of 700-level **Psychology Psychological & Brain Sciences Psychology** courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. Courses at the 600-level offered by other departments require approval by the advisor and the **Experimental Psychological & Brain Sciences** Program Director. **Two electives One elective** typically taken by students **are is:**

PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology	3
<b>PSY 772 Experimental Psychology Qualifying Paper Research</b>	<b>3</b>

## **Dissertation – Credits: 12**

PSY 770 Dissertation	3 – 12
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## Subplan ~~5 3~~ Requirements: Post-Bachelor's-**Experimental Psychology-Neuroscience Emphasis Track**

Total Credits Required: 72

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 15

Complete the following courses:

PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 719 Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

## Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study.

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology

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## Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of 700-level ~~Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ **Psychology** courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. 600-level courses offered by other departments require advisor approval and concurrence by the ~~Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ Program Director.

## Thesis – Credits: 6

PSY 769 Thesis

3 – 6

[After] After successfully completing the requirements above, students are eligible to earn ~~the Master of Arts – Psychology in Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ **an MA.**

## ~~New Core~~ **Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3**

**Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits**

## Elective Courses – Credits: ~~27~~ **24**

Complete ~~27~~ **24** credits of 700-level ~~Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ **Psychology** courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. 600-level courses offered by other departments require advisor approval and concurrence by the ~~Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ Program Director. ~~Two electives~~ **One elective** typically taken by students ~~are~~ **is:**

PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology

3

~~PSY 772 Experimental Psychology Qualifying Paper Research~~

**3**

## Dissertation – Credits: 12

PSY 770 Dissertation

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## Degree Requirements

En route to doctoral candidacy the student must complete the requirements for a master's degree in ~~psychology~~ **Psychological& Brain Sciences**, and complete 6 credits of thesis over a minimum of 2 semesters. In addition to a master's degree in ~~Psychology~~ **Psychological& Brain Sciences** equivalent to the one previously described (33 credits), a minimum of 39 credits in graduate ~~psychology coursework~~ is required for the doctoral degree. Student will be required to complete a Qualifying Activity before proposing a Dissertation. The purpose of the qualifying activity is for the student to acquire not only the expertise in a given area, but also the ability to explain, discuss, and debate questions within that and related areas. Students may choose, in consultation with their advisor, from the following qualifying activities: one extensive qualifying paper, three brief papers, a written examination, or an oral examination. Students must obtain a grade of B- or better in each course taken for that course to count toward the degree. One grade below a B- (i. e., C+ or ~~low-er~~ **lower**) will result in probation. Once a student is on probation for receiving a grade below a B-, a second grade (in the same or a different class) below a B-, will result in immediate separation from the ~~program~~ **pro gram**. If a student re-takes a course in which s/he received a grade lower than a B- (i. e., C+ or lower) and earns a B- or better, s/he will be removed from probation. A student may be on academic probation only twice during their graduate career in ~~Psychology~~ **Psychological& Brain Sciences**; a third probation will result in separation from the program. No student shall be allowed more than two simultaneous grades of incomplete, except in the case of a documented and approved medical leave. Students must conform to all policies of the UNLV Graduate College, as stated in the UNLV Graduate Catalog, those stated in the UNLV ~~Experimental Psychology~~ **Psychological& Brain Sciences** Doctoral Program Student Handbook, and the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics. Students will be evaluated at least yearly across several professional competencies in the following three areas: (1) academic performance; (2) scholarly research activity; and (3) ethical behavior and professional conduct. If the program determines that a student is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree, it may request the Graduate Dean to separate the student from the program or place the student on probation. Failure to meet the conditions of the probation will result in separation from the program. Students must take a minimum of four semesters of dissertation which can include summers. The dissertation must be orally proposed and defended.

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## Subplan ~~6~~ **4** Requirements: Post-Bachelor's-~~Experimental Psychology~~-Developmental-~~Emphasis Track~~

Total Credits Required: 72

### Course Requirements

#### Required Courses – Credits: 12

PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 713 Developmental Research	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

#### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study.

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology	1 – 2
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#### Developmental Science Course – Credits: 3

Complete 3 credits of the following course:

PSY 721 Developmental Science	3
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#### Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of 700-level ~~Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ **Psychology** courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. 600-level courses offered by other departments require advisor approval and concurrence by the ~~Experimental Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ **Program Director**.

## Thesis – Credits: 6

PSY 769 Thesis	3 – 6
[After] After successfully completing the requirements above, students are eligible to earn <del>the Master of Arts—Psychology in Psychological &amp; Brain Sciences</del> an MA.	

## Developmental Seminar Course – Credits: 3

Complete 3 credits of the following course:

PSY 740 Topics in Developmental Psychology	3
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## Breadth Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of courses from two different options that have not been applied to the master's degree:

[Before] Option 1)

PSY 704 Social Psychology	3
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[Before] Option 2)

PSY 701 Biological Bases of Behavior	3
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PSY 719 Behavioral Neuroscience	3
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[After] or

PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3
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[Before] Option 3)

PSY 703 Cognitive Psychology	3
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[After] or

PSY 718 Cognitive Science	3
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## **New Core Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3**

**Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits**

## Elective Courses – Credits: ~~18 15~~ 18 15

Complete ~~18 15~~ credits of 700-level ~~Psychology Psychological & Brain Sciences~~ **Psychology** courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other

departments. 600-level courses offered by other departments require advisor approval and concurrence by the ~~Experimental~~ **Psychological& Brain Sciences** Program Director.

~~Two electives~~ **One elective** typically taken by students ~~are is~~:

PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology	3
<del>PSY 772 Experimental Psychology</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>Qualifying Paper Research</del>	

## Dissertation – Credits: 12

PSY 770 Dissertation	3 – 12
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## Degree Requirements

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## Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements for both the Master's and Doctoral portions of the program.

The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

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## Subplan ~~7~~ **5** Requirements: Post-Master's-~~Experimental Psychology~~-Quantitative/Experimental-~~Emphasis Track~~

Total Credits Required: 42

### Course Requirements

#### Required Courses – Credits: 6

PSY 707 Research Methods	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

#### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study:

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology	1 – 2
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#### ~~New~~ **Core Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3**

**Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when**

### defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits

## Elective Courses – Credits: ~~18~~ 15

Complete ~~18~~ 15 credits of 700-level ~~Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences Psychology~~ courses, or 600/700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. Students should use their elective credits to specialize in some area of quantitative/experimental psychology. Students will construct their course structures in collaboration with their mentors. See the ~~Experimental Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences courses~~ Ph. D. Program Handbook for potential areas of specialization and proposed course plans for these areas of specialization. **One elective typically taken by students is:**

**PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology**

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## Dissertation – Credits: 12

PSY 770 Dissertation

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## Degree Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 42 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.00. Additional credits may be required to address student deficiencies or build specialized expertise. Students will be required to complete a Qualifying Activity before proposing a Dissertation. The purpose of the qualifying activity is for the student to acquire not only the expertise in a given area but also the ability to explain, discuss, and debate questions within that and related areas. Students may choose, in consultation with their advisor, from the following qualifying activities: one extensive qualifying paper, three brief papers, a written examination, or an oral examination. Students must obtain a grade of B- or better in each course taken for that course to count toward the degree. One grade below a B- (i. e., C+ or lower) will result in probation. Once a student is on probation for receiving a grade below a B-, a second grade (in the same or a different class) below a B- will result in immediate separation from the program. If a student retakes a course in which he or she received a grade lower than a B- (i. e., C+ or lower) and earns a B- or better, that student will be removed from probation. A student may be on academic probation only twice during their graduate career in ~~Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences~~; a third probation will result in separation from the program. No student shall be allowed more than two simultaneous grades of incomplete, except in the case of a documented and approved medical leave. Students must conform to all policies of the UNLV Graduate College as stated in the UNLV Graduate Catalog, those policies stated in the UNLV ~~Experimental Psychology Psychological& Brain Sciences~~ Doctoral Program Student Handbook, and the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics. Students will be evaluated at least yearly across several professional competencies in the following three areas: (1) academic performance; (2) scholarly research activity; and (3) ethical behavior and professional conduct. If the program ~~deter-mines~~ **determines** that a student is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree, it may request the Graduate Dean to separate the student from the program or place the student on probation. Failure to meet the conditions of the probation will result in separation from the program. Students must take a minimum of four semesters of dissertation, which can include summers. The dissertation must be orally proposed and defended.

## Graduation Requirements

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## Subplan ~~8 6~~ Requirements: Post-Master's-**Experimental Psychology**-Cognitive ~~Emphasis Track~~

Total Credits Required: 42

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 9

PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study:

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology	1 – 2
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### Cognitive Emphasis Courses – Credits: 9

PSY 717 Cognitive Methods	3
PSY 718 Cognitive Science	3
PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3

### Cognitive Seminar Courses – Credits: 3

Complete 3 credits from the following list of courses:

PSY 747 Topics in Perception	3
PSY 748 Topics in Memory:	3
PSY 749 Topics in Cognitive Processes:	3

### **Elective Courses Qualifying Activity – Credits: 3**

Complete ~~3 credits~~ **one** of ~~700-level Psychology courses~~ **the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers**, or ~~other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments~~ **take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Courses at the 600-level offered by other departments require approval by the advisor and Register in PSY 773 when defending the Experimental Program Director qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. Two electives typically taken by students are PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits**

<del>PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology</del>	<b>3</b>
<del>PSY 772 Experimental Psychology Qualifying Paper Research</del>	<b>3</b>

### **Dissertation – Credits: 12**

PSY 770 Dissertation	3 – 12
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## **Degree Requirements**

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## Graduation Requirements

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## Subplan ~~9~~ **7** Requirements: Post-Master's-~~Experimental Psychology~~-Neuroscience-~~Emphasis Track~~

Total Credits Required: 42

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 15

~~\*Students lacking sufficient background in Neuroscience will also take PSY 701—Biological Bases of Behavior prior to taking these core courses.~~

PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 719 Behavioral Neuroscience	3
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PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	3
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PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study:



### ~~New~~ **Core Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3**

**Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits**

### Elective Courses – Credits: ~~9~~ **6**

Complete ~~9~~ **6** credits of 700-level ~~Psychology Psychological & Brain Sciences Psychology~~ courses, or other 700-level advisor-approved courses offered by other departments. 600-level courses offered by other departments require advisor approval and concurrence by the ~~Experimental Psychological & Brain Sciences~~ Program Director. ~~Two electives~~ **One elective** typically taken by students ~~are~~ **is**:

PSY 757 Teaching of Psychology	3
<del>PSY 772 Experimental Psychology Qualifying Paper Research</del>	<del>3</del>

### Dissertation – Credits: 12

PSY 770 Dissertation	3 – 12
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## Subplan ~~10~~ **8** Requirements: Post-Master's-**Experimental Psychology-Developmental-Emphasis Track**

Total Credits Required: 42

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 12

Complete 12 credits from the following list of courses:

PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
PSY 709 Statistics for Psychologists II	3
PSY 713 Developmental Research	3
PSY 756 Ethics, Professional Issues, and Diversity in Experimental Psychology	3

### Proseminar Course – Credits: 6

Complete the following course each semester during the first two years of study.

PSY 758 Proseminar in Experimental Psychology

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**Developmental Science Course – Credits: 3**

Complete 3 credits of the following course:

PSY 721 Developmental Science

3

**Developmental Seminar Course – Credits: 3**

Complete 3 credits of the following course:

PSY 740 Topics in Developmental Psychology

3

**New Core Qualifying Activity-Credits: 3**

**Complete one of the following: write one large paper or three smaller papers, or take an oral or written comprehensive exam. Register in PSY 773 when defending the qualifying paper(s) or comprehensive exam. PSY 773: Qualifying Activity-3 Credits**

**Breadth Courses Course – Credits: 6 3**

**Complete ~~6 3 6 3~~ credits of courses from two different one of the below courses one course from two different one of the below following options:**

[Before] Option 1)

PSY 704 Social Psychology

3

[Before]

Option 2)

PSY 701 Biological Bases of Behavior

3

PSY 719 Behavioral Neuroscience

3

[After] or

PSY 720 Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience

3

[Before] Option 3)

PSY 703 Cognitive Psychology

3

[After] or

PSY 718 Cognitive Science

3

## Dissertation – Credits: 12

PSY 770 Dissertation

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### Graduation Requirements

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## Plan Graduation Requirements

Refer to your subplan for Graduation Requirements. Subplan 1: Post-Bachelor's --~~Clinical Psychology Track~~ **Subplan Quantitative/Experimental** Subplan 2: ~~Post-Master's Post-Bachelor's~~ --~~Clinical Psychology Track~~ **Subplan Cognitive** Subplan 3: Post-Bachelor's --~~Experimental Psychology -- Quantitative/Experimental Emphasis Track~~ **Subplan Neuroscience** Subplan 4: Post-Bachelor's -- ~~Experimental Psychology -- Cognitive Emphasis Track~~ **Subplan Developmental** Subplan 5: ~~Post-Bachelor's -- Experimental Psychology -- Neuroscience Emphasis Track~~ **Subplan 6: Post-Bachelor's -- Experimental Psychology -- Developmental Emphasis Track** Subplan 7: Post-Master's -- ~~Experimental Psychology -- Quantitative/Experimental Emphasis Track~~ **Subplan 8 Subplan 6: Post-Master's -- Experimental Psychology -- Cognitive Emphasis Track** Subplan 9 **Subplan 7: Post-Master's -- Experimental Psychology -- Neuroscience Emphasis Track** Subplan 10 **Subplan 8: Post-Master's -- Experimental Psychology -- Developmental Emphasis Track**