

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77341

Graduate Catalog

RECORD OF 2005-2007 SESSIONS
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2007-2009 SESSIONS

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Requirements for Completion of the Ph.D. Program

All formal requirements for completion of the Ph.D. are described in the Clinical Psychology Doctor of Philosophy Program Handbook and may vary from one student to another depending on previous academic preparation. The following guidelines are offered to demonstrate the nature of the doctoral program and should not be misconstrued as representing the formal requirements for a Ph.D.

1. A course of study beyond the master's degree designed in consultation with the Director of Clinical Training that will provide the student with in-depth knowledge in the areas of research and statistics, the broad bases of psychology, and clinical psychology. This course of study is sequential, cumulative, graded in complexity, and designed to prepare students for further organized training.
2. Enrollment as a full-time student (i.e., a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester) on campus for at least four consecutive long (i.e., Fall, Spring) semesters.
3. An average of 3.0 (B) must be maintained by the student in all courses in which he/she registers after admission into the doctoral program. Students should consult the Program Handbook for a more detailed description of policies regarding academic standards.
4. Passing a written comprehensive examination or successfully defending a major area paper which integrates at least 3 core areas.
5. Completion and defense of a doctoral dissertation that is the product of original scholarly research and is of such quality as to represent a meaningful contribution to knowledge in the field of psychology.
6. Completion of a year-long pre-doctoral internship, during which the student works full-time in an applied clinical setting.
7. Completion of the degree within 6 years from the first semester of registration as a doctoral student.

Degree Requirements: The Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology

The Doctoral Curriculum

General Psychology Courses

PSY 560	Advanced Physiological Psychology	3 SCH
PSY 592	History and Systems of Psychology	3 SCH
PSY 587	Advanced Statistics	3 SCH
PSY 787	Multivariate Statistics in Psychology	3 SCH

Total: **12 SCH**

Cognitive-Affective Basis of Behavior

PSY 532	Advanced Social Psychology	3 SCH
PSY 536	Advanced Cognitive Psychology or	
PSY 581	Advanced Learning Theory or	
PSY 792	Emotions	3 SCH
PSY 588	Introduction to Experimental Design	3 SCH
PSY 597	Advanced Developmental Psychology	3 SCH
PSY 760	Multicultural Psychology	3 SCH

Total: 15 SCH

Required Clinical Psychology Courses

PSY 530	Psychopathology	3 SCH
PSY 533	Theory and Research in Psychotherapy I	3 SCH
PSY 594	Psychometrics	3 SCH
PSY 595	Assessment of Intelligence and Achievement	3 SCH
PSY 596	Assessment of Personality and Psychopathology	3 SCH
PSY 730	Clinical Psychology Proseminar	3 SCH
PSY 736	Mental Health Law	3 SCH
PSY 739	Developmental Psychopathology	3 SCH
PSY 762	Ethics in Clinical Practice	3 SCH
PSY 770	Empirically Supported Treatments	3 SCH
PSY 860	Forensic Assessment I	3 SCH

Total: 33 SCH

Clinical Psychology Elective (select 2 of 3)

PSY 534	Theory and Research in Psychotherapy II	3 SCH
PSY 596	Assessment of Personality and Psychopathology	3 SCH
PSY 733	Law and Social Psychology	3 SCH
PSY 735	Law and Psychology	3 SCH
PSY 774	Human Neuropsychology	3 SCH
PSY 861	Forensic Assessment II	3 SCH

Total: 6 SCH

Practica and Internships

PSY 691	Practicum I	3 SCH
PSY 692/693	Practicum II/III, or	
PSY 882	Doctoral Clinical Practicum I (two sections needed)	6 SCH
PSY 882	Doctoral Clinical Practicum I	3 SCH
PSY 883	Doctoral Clinical Practicum II	9 SCH
PSY 890	Internship I	1 SCH
PSY 891	Internship II	1 SCH
PSY 892	Internship III	1 SCH

Total: 24 SCH

Thesis

PSY 698	Thesis I	3 SCH
PSY 699	Thesis II	3 SCH

Total: 6 SCH

Dissertation

PSY 896	Dissertation I	3 SCH
PSY 897	Dissertation II	3 SCH
PSY 898	Dissertation III	3 SCH
PSY 899	Dissertation IV	3 SCH

Total: **12 SCH**

Grand Total: **108 SCH**

* Students entering with a master's degree in psychology and have completed similar courses as part of their degree may have courses waived at the discretion of the Ph.D. Program faculty.

Graduate Courses

- 500-599 — introductory master's courses open to master's and doctoral students
 600-699 — advanced master's courses open to master's and doctoral students
 700-799 — introductory doctoral courses open to doctoral students and selected master's students
 800-899 — advanced doctoral courses open to doctoral students only

PSYCHOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- PSY 530 Psychopathology.**
 This course examines psychological disorders and involves review, critical evaluation, and integration of current scientific literature regarding diagnosis, phenomenology, and etiology. Issues in the application of the multiaxial diagnostic system in clinical practice are discussed.
- PSY 531 Graduate Seminar in General Psychology.**
 This course surveys the science of psychology, providing an advanced synthesis of the scientific study of human behavior that includes the biological, perceptual, developmental, and social determinants of behavior, emotion, and cognition,.
- PSY 532 Advanced Social Psychology.**
 This course examines social factors that influence individual behavior. Integrative theoretical perspectives and emerging programs of research within the discipline are given specific consideration. Readings include a variety of original sources.
- PSY 533 Theory and Research in Psychotherapy I.**
 This course is a comparative analysis of different systems and techniques of psychotherapy. The role of therapist, client, and setting are examined along with ethical principles.
- PSY 534 Theory and Research in Psychotherapy II.**
 This course examines in detail selected advanced systems or techniques of psychotherapy, including group therapy, marital and family therapy, therapy for sexual dysfunction, or others. Content may vary from semester to semester.
- PSY 535 Special Problems in Psychology.**
 This course allows for in-depth study in individually selected topics not specifically included in the formal course offerings. Prerequisite: Consent of department chair and instructor.
- PSY 536 Advanced Cognitive Psychology.**
 This seminar-style course examines the major psychological issues related to cognition. Topics covered include attentional processes, memory, language, knowledge representations, decision making, problem solving, and cognitive neuroscience. By combining reading assignments in the textbook