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Associateships and Assistantships

Graduate teaching associateships and graduate assistantships in psychology are available to a limited number of qualified students. Application forms and further information may be obtained from the master's program adviser, Department of Psychology.

General Information

A Master of Science degree program in applied psychology with a focus on industrial/organizational psychology or program evaluation is offered. A Master of Arts degree program with a specialization in physical and mental health research, developmental, behavioral and cognitive neuroscience, social/personality or learning and cognition is available for persons who expect subsequently to pursue a Ph.D. degree. For students currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program, an M.S. in clinical psychology is offered. In addition, the Department of Psychology, jointly with the Department of Psychiatry, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, offers an APA-accredited program of graduate study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in clinical psychology with specialization in behavioral medicine, neuropsychology, or experimental psychopathology. A scientist-practitioner training model serves as a guide for the experiences provided for doctoral students. It is expected that graduates of this program will be prepared to serve as scientists, innovators, and leaders in the field of clinical psychology.

The doctoral program requires that students spend a minimum of five calendar years in study and research. In the first four years, doctoral students must complete their prescribed coursework satisfactorily as well as engage in research and a series of clinical practica. In the last year of the program all students must complete a 12-month APA-accredited clinical internship.

The department has a strong scientific research orientation, and emphasizes the master's degree as preparation for doctoral work. Students in all programs must take an advanced statistics/experimental design course sequence and produce an empirical research thesis.

The department awards approximately 30 master's degrees annually. A substantial proportion of the graduates who apply go on to enroll in doctoral work at well-known universities.

The clinical psychology faculty staff a Psychology Clinic for graduate clinical training and service to the metropolitan San Diego community.

Admission to Master's and Doctoral Study

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at <http://www.csumentor.edu> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Department of Psychology.

Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

(1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended;

Note:

- Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
- Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

- (2) GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682);
- (3) TOEFL or IELTS score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (for TOEFL see: <http://www.ets.org>; for IELTS see <http://www.ielts.org>; SDSU institution code 4682).

Department of Psychology

Students applying to both the SDSU/UCSD joint doctoral program and the SDSU master's degree program are required to file only one university application and pay only one fee, which covers both programs. However, separate departmental applications, one for the master's program and one for the doctoral program, must be filed if the student wishes to be considered for both programs.

Master of Arts Degree in Psychology

Master of Science Degree in Psychology

The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

Department of Psychology
(Attention: Graduate Adviser)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4611

- (1) Departmental application, which may be obtained at <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu>;
- (2) Statement of purpose (see psychology Web site for details);
- (3) Completed application for an assistantship (if you are interested in this type of financial support);
- (4) Three letters of recommendation (in sealed and signed envelopes returned to the applicant) from persons familiar with the applicant's academic performance (see psychology Web site for recommendation forms).

Ph.D. Degree in Clinical Psychology

The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

Selection Committee
6363 Alvarado Court, #103
San Diego, CA 92120-4913

- (1) Three letters of recommendation;
- (2) Joint doctoral program application.

Section I. Master's Degree Programs

Admission to the Degree Curriculum

Admission to the Department of Psychology master's program involves a two-step process. Applicants must file one application with the university, and a separate application package with the Department of Psychology.

To be considered for admission to the Department of Psychology programs, applicants must satisfy particular department requirements. These requirements and instructions for completing the department application package are shown below. The department application form is available at <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu>. Students are admitted to the master's programs in the fall semester only.

To qualify for admission to the master's programs in psychology, the student must have:

1. For the M.A. program: An undergraduate major in psychology (or coursework equivalent to the SDSU bachelor's degree) consisting of at least 24 upper division units with a grade point average of at least 3.0. The major must include classes in general psychology, physiological psychology, statistical methods, psychological testing and measurement, and at least one laboratory course or the equivalent in psychology. In addition, the student must have completed three of the following classes: developmental psychology, introduction to research methods, intermediate statistics, social psychology, abnormal psychology, psychology of personality, cognitive psychology, psychol-

ogy of learning, or sensation and perception. Six units of upper division psychology electives, which may be from the above list, are also required.

2. For the M.S. applied program: An undergraduate major in psychology (or coursework equivalent to the SDSU bachelor's degree) consisting of at least 24 upper division units with a grade point average of at least 3.0. The major must include classes in general psychology, statistical methods, psychological testing and measurement, intermediate statistics or research methods, and at least one class providing research experience in psychology. In addition, the student must have completed three of the following classes: developmental psychology, social psychology, abnormal psychology, psychology of personality, cognitive psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, experimental psychology with laboratory, psychology of learning, or sensation and perception. Six units of upper division psychology electives, which may be from the above list, are also required.
3. A grade point average of not less than 3.0 in all undergraduate coursework.
4. A minimum score above the 50th percentile rank on both the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE General Test.
5. A score above the 50th percentile rank on the GRE Subject (Advanced) Test in Psychology. The student should take this test as well as the GRE General Test in sufficient time so that the results will be available prior to the application deadline.

The GRE should be taken by November to meet the Department of Psychology application deadline of February 1.

Meeting all of the indicated criteria does not guarantee admission to the program, since admission is also dependent on the facilities and resources available in the department.

For admission to the university, all students must satisfy the general requirements for classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin.

NOTE: Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the Psychology Department.

Advancement to Candidacy

The student must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy as stated in Part Two of this bulletin. Having obtained three grades of C or lower in graduate courses automatically precludes advancement to candidacy.

In addition, students must have an approved thesis proposal prior to advancement to candidacy.

General Requirements for all Master's Degree Programs

In addition to meeting the basic requirements for the master's degree as described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must complete a graduate program of at least 30 units (36-38 units for the Master of Science degree). Only classified graduate students are permitted to enroll in any 600-numbered (or higher) courses in psychology. The departmental graduate adviser must approve all programs of study except the Master of Science in clinical psychology. For the Master of Science in clinical psychology, departmental approval is provided by the program director of the joint doctoral program.

Psychology 670A-670B or 770A-770B are required in all master's degree programs in the Department of Psychology. In addition, for all degrees other than the Master of Science in clinical psychology, Psychology 600 (Research Orientation), Psychology 799A (Thesis), and an oral examination on the thesis are also required.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

(Major Code: 20011)

The Master of Arts degree requires the completion of a minimum of 30 units in psychology to include Psychology 501, 670A-670B or 770A-770B, two units of 600, one unit of 797, and 799A. Students must also select at least one course from each of the following pairs of core

courses: Psychology 740 or 751, 587 or 632, 561 or 760, as well as two electives. In special cases, and by petition to the department's graduate committee, students may take up to six units of the required 30 units in 500-level and above courses in other departments.

All new Master of Arts degree students are required to take one unit of Psychology 600 during their first semester and another unit during their second semester.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Science Degree

(Major Code: 20011)

The Master of Science degree may be obtained with the following concentrations:

1. **The Applied Psychology program has two specializations: Program Evaluation and Industrial and Organizational Psychology.**

Specific requirements for students selecting the Program Evaluation specialization are: A minimum of 38 units, 32 of which must be completed in psychology, to include Psychology 670A-670B or 770A-770B, 600 (Research Orientation, 2 units), 621 or 622, 630, 675, 730, 791 (Internship in Applied Psychology, 6 units), and 799A (Thesis). Of the nine units of graduate electives required, at least three must be selected from psychology; six units of graduate electives may be selected from other departments with prior approval of the master's program adviser.

Specific requirements for students selecting the Industrial and Organizational specialization are: A minimum of 38 units, 35 of which must be completed in psychology, to include Psychology 670A-670B or 770A-770B, 600 (Research Orientation, 2 units), 621, 622, 630, 675, 721, 722, 792 (Internship in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, 6 units), and 799A (Thesis). Three units of graduate electives may be selected from psychology or from other departments with prior approval of the master's program adviser.

2. **Clinical Psychology (included within the Ph.D. program; not available separately).**

A minimum of 36 units in psychology, including Psychology 770A-770B, 801, 820, 840, 849, 850, 855, 856, 860 (or University of California, San Diego, SOMC 205, Clinical Neuroanatomy), 896 (Clinical Practicum, minimum 3 units), and one course to be taken at the University of California, San Diego, SOMC 202E. Completion of the second year project and approval by a committee consisting of a minimum of three faculty members representing both SDSU and UCSD. For this degree only, all approvals and advancement to candidacy will be completed by the program director of the joint doctoral program.

Section II. Doctoral Program

<http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/doctoral>

Admission to the Degree Curriculum

(Major Code: 20031)

To be considered for admission to the joint SDSU-UCSD doctoral program in clinical psychology, students must meet the general requirements for admission to both universities with classified graduate standing as outlined in the respective current catalogs. These include (a) an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association or equivalent academic preparation, as determined by the graduate deans of the two institutions; (b) a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0; (c) a grade point average of at least 3.25 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted; (d) good standing at the last institution attended; and (e) a minimum score of 550 verbal and 550

quantitative on the GRE Aptitude Test and a score above the 85th percentile on the GRE Advanced Test in Psychology. However, given the large number of applicants in the field of clinical psychology, the selection process is designed to identify the best from among many highly qualified applicants. Thus no minimum set of qualifications in any way guarantees admission. Personal interviews will be conducted with the most promising applicants. Admission of any candidate who deviates from the minimum standards can only be granted with special permission of both graduate deans. No faculty member has authority to make an offer of a position in the program to any applicant, implied or otherwise, without final recommendation of the program directors and approval of the graduate deans.

Although an undergraduate psychology major is not mandatory for admission, applicants should have completed a minimum of 18 semester units (27 quarter units) in psychology including courses in physiological psychology, statistical methods, psychological testing, abnormal psychology, personality, social psychology, and an experimental laboratory in psychology. Advanced courses in perception and learning are desirable as are courses in biology, mathematics, linguistics, and other related areas (e.g., medical physics, computer sciences). The joint doctoral program is a year around program.

An option for Ph.D. students in clinical psychology is to concurrently pursue the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in the Graduate School of Public Health. Students jointly enrolled will first be accepted into the psychology program and then be recommended by the psychology program for admission to the MPH program. Students may be recommended at any time prior to receiving their doctoral degree. Following acceptance into the MPH degree, students must complete all required core classes as well as requirements for the concentration in health promotion. A specially designed program of study that incorporates requirements from both degree programs has been developed. Subsequent to coursework, MPH candidates are required to complete a comprehensive examination in their area of study. (For more information, see the section of this bulletin under "Public Health.")

Students will be admitted to graduate programs in psychology only in the fall semester. All application material for the Ph.D. program must be received by the doctoral program office and the SDSU Office of Graduate Admissions not later than December 15.

Detailed instructions for applying to the program, along with all necessary forms, are located on the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology Web page, which can be found at <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/doctoral/>. Please review and follow these instructions carefully. Specific questions not answered by these materials should be e-mailed to PsyncJDP@sciences.sdsu.edu.

Specific Degree Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Clinical Psychology

The student is guided by requirements for the doctoral degree program given in Part Two of this bulletin. The core curriculum will normally be completed during the first two years. Completion of this core insures that students have a general background in empirical psychology (e.g., physiological, social, cognitive-affective, and individual bases of behavior); knowledge of conceptualizations of personality and psychopathology; an awareness and appreciation of professional ethics and conduct; awareness and appreciation of multicultural issues in an increasingly multicultural society; knowledge of the theory and techniques of psychological assessment; knowledge of therapeutic interventions, acquisition of therapeutic skills, and a minimum of 1,000 hours of supervised clinical experience; and competence in research methods. Specific courses providing this background at SDSU include Psychology 770A-770B, 775, 801, 820, 840, 849, 850, 855, 856, 860 (or UCSD Clinical Psychology 205 [Neuroanatomy]), 896, and UCSD Clinical Psychology 202E [Psychopathology]).

During the second year, students will select a research topic for a second year project, which is similar to a master's thesis. Students are responsible for conducting all phases of this project under the supervision of their joint guidance committee. Students may also elect to obtain a master's degree by completing requirements for the Master of Science degree.

After completing the basic two-year core, work in subsequent years will diverge for students in each of the three specialty areas: behavioral medicine, experimental psychopathology, and neuropsychology. All students must take the one-unit seminar in neuropsychology.

Students specializing in behavioral medicine are required to take Psychology 842 (Behavioral Medicine Seminar: Assessment) and Psychology 843 (Behavioral Medicine Seminar: Intervention), typically in the third year. Students taking experimental psychopathology are required to take Psychology 833 (Seminar in Developmental Psychopathology) and 852 (Seminar in Experimental Psychopathology Research), typically in the third year. Students in neuropsychology are required to take UCSD Clinical Psychology 205 (Neuroanatomy) and UCSD Clinical Psychology 294 (Seminar in Neuropsychology).

In the fourth year, students are expected to submit and defend a dissertation proposal. Many students will also collect the data for and begin writing the dissertation during this year.

The fifth year is reserved for the completion of a doctoral dissertation and a full-time clinical internship that is identified by the student and the joint guidance committee.

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic performance. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average. According to doctoral program policy, falling below a 3.0 GPA automatically places a student on academic probation. A student may not remain on academic probation for more than one year. In addition, three grades below a B (i.e., a B- or lower or No Credit) are grounds for dismissal from the program without further qualification regardless of a student's overall GPA.

In clinical psychology, adherence to the Ethical Principles of Psychologists (APA, Revised, 2003) is mandatory. Students who knowingly or unknowingly violate any part of the ethical code may be

dismissed from the program without further qualification regardless of coursework, research, or other academic achievement. A copy of the ethical code is distributed to students at their initial orientation.

Prior to advancement to candidacy, students will be required to sign a statement of understanding that 1) the doctoral faculty will communicate with the clinical internship agency all information relevant to the student's academic and professional qualifications for placement and continuation in the internship and 2) the student understands that the clinical internship must be satisfactorily completed before graduation.

Faculty

The following faculty members of the cooperating institutions participate in the joint doctoral program in clinical psychology and are available for direction of research and as members of joint doctoral committees.

San Diego State University:

Program Director: Klonoff

Program Members: Amir, Atkins, Calfas, Cronan, Elder, Gallo, Gilbert, Hovell, Klonoff, Landrine, Litrownik, Malcarne, Marshall, Martin, Matt, Mattson, Mayer, Mueller, Murphy, Joseph Price, Reilly, Riley, Roesch, Sallis, Schulte, Thomas, Weersing, Wulfbeck, Yeh

University of California, San Diego:

Program Director: Heaton

Program Members: Akshoomoff, Ancoli-Israel, Appelbaum, Atkinson, Bellugi, Bondi, Braff, Britton, G. Brown, S.A. Brown, S.J. Brown, Caligiuri, Carver, Cherner, Courchesne, Delis, Dimsdale, Drummond, Eyer, Feifel, Filoteo, Garland, Geyer, Gollan, Granholm, Grant, Haist, Jernigan, Jeste, L. Judd, P. Judd, Kelsoe, Kulik, Lang, Levine, Marcotte, Matloff, Max, McCabe, McQuaid, Mills, Myers, Nichols, Norman, Palinkas, Palmer, Parry, Patterson, Paulus, Penn, Perry, Rutledge, Salmon, Schreiber, Schuckit, Schuchter, Schweinsburg, Sieber, Sparta, Squire, Stein, Stiles, Strathdee, Swerdlow, Tapert, Taylor, Townsend, Trauner, Wall, Wetherell, Woods, Zhu, Zisook