

PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.) - GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
PSYC 700	Foundations of Doctoral Study in Psychology	3
PSYC 710	Psychological Research & Biblical Worldview ¹	3
PSYC 775	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 810	Advanced Research: Qualitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 815	Advanced Research: Quantitative Research & Analysis	3
Total Hours		21

¹ Intensive format optional

Code	Title	Hours
General Psychology Concentration		
PSYC 750	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
Choose three credit hours of the following:		3
PSYC 712	Theories and Research in Social Psychology	
PSYC 716	Theories and Research in Industrial/Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 725	Theories and Research in Developmental Psychology	
Choose three credit hours of the following:		3
PSYC 825	Contemporary Topics in Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 826	Contemporary Topics in Industrial/Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 827	Contemporary Topics in Social Psychology	
Psychology Elective (800 level) ¹		3
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Psychology Elective (800 level) ¹		3
Total Hours		21

¹ Choose an 800-level PSYC course not already required by the degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Courses		
PSYC 870	Prospectus: Developing the Dissertation Concept ¹	3
PSYC 987	Dissertation I ²	5
PSYC 988	Dissertation II ²	5
PSYC 989	Dissertation III ²	5

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		18

¹ Intensive format optional

² PSYC 987 Dissertation I (5 c.h.), PSYC 988 Dissertation II (5 c.h.), and PSYC 989 Dissertation III (5 c.h.) can each be repeated one time to meet milestone

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 700	Foundations of Doctoral Study in Psychology	3
PSYC 712, PSYC 716, or PSYC 725		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
PSYC 710	Psychological Research & Biblical Worldview ^{1,2}	3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 750	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 815	Advanced Research: Quantitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PSYC 775	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 825, PSYC 826, or PSYC 827 ^{1,4}		3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9

Course	Title	Hours
Third Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 810	Advanced Research: Qualitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 870	Prospectus: Developing the Dissertation Concept ¹	3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PSYC 987	Dissertation I ⁵	5
Hours		5
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 988	Dissertation II ⁵	5
Hours		5
Second Semester		
PSYC 989	Dissertation III ⁵	5
PSYC 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		60

¹ Intensive Format optional

² Must be taken within the first year

³ Choose an 800-level PSYC course not already required by the degree

⁴ Must be taken within the second year

⁵ PSYC 987, 988, and 989 can be repeated one time to meet milestone.