



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST LOUIS

Graduate Program Profile Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Psychology with an Emphasis in Behavioral Neuroscience

The Graduate School

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DEGREE PROGRAM

Coursework: A minimum of 60 semester credit hours of graduate coursework is required beyond the baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 30 hours credit may be transferred. The program has adopted an apprenticeship model of graduate training in which each student works closely and continuously with a faculty member within the realm of the faculty member's research interests, including 1) animal models of neuroendocrinology and 2) physiological causes and correlates of posttraumatic stress disorder.

Qualifying Examination: After they have completed between 18 and 24 credit hours or two years in the program, students must pass the exam to continue in the program. The committee constructs a broad reading list covering the traditional and modern literature in the specialization on which the students are tested.

Dissertation: All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artscience/psychology/behavioral/program.html>

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Application
<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>
2. Three letters of recommendation
From individuals who can attest to the applicant's likely success in graduate work.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree at the time they begin the program.
4. Entrance examinations
 - a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency (<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).
5. Personal statement
Please submit a statement of 300-400 words with your rationale for seeking admission to a PhD program in Behavioral Neuroscience Psychology.
6. Grade Point Average
Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is January 15 of each year for admission to the Fall Semester only.

APPLICATION FEE

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Assistantships are currently funded with stipends of approximately \$10,000 per year on a competitive basis. They include a scholarship from the Graduate School for educational fees. Applications for assistantships must be sent directly to the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Psychology.

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