The Department of Educational Psychology offers a variety of degrees associated with learning and cognition, human development, instructional design, and individual differences. Students interested in graduate studies within the department should exhibit an orientation toward fostering human development and possess characteristics conducive to supporting relationships and advancing educational and societal improvements. Faculty admissions committees within each degree and emphasis program carefully review applicants’ professional references, prior experiences, selected test scores, and career goals. Finalists are interviewed by appropriate groups of faculty members and formal admission to a degree program, area of emphasis, or certification program is contingent upon the admissions committee’s determination regarding an applicant’s total fitness and promise as a professional in the area for which application is made.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degrees
The department offers three PhD degrees in Educational Psychology, Counseling Psychology, and School Psychology. The Counseling Psychology and School Psychology programs are nationally accredited by the American Psychological Association. Students pursuing a PhD in Educational Psychology apply to one of five distinct emphasis programs: (a) Bilingual/ESL Education; (b) Developmental Sciences; (c) Learning Design and Technology; (d) Research, Measurement, and Statistics; or (e) Special Education.

Field experiences in appropriate schools, colleges, or social agencies are required in all degree programs. Doctoral students in Counseling Psychology and School Psychology are required to undertake a series of supervised professional training experiences in addition to formal coursework and must successfully complete one year of full-time, professional internship prior to graduation.

All of the department’s PhD programs prepare graduates for academic positions in university and research settings. Non-academic careers may also be pursued in areas appropriate to one’s programs of study. For example, graduates of the Counseling Psychology program are also prepared to become licensed counseling psychologists in a range of public and/or mental health settings including college and university counseling centers. School Psychology graduates may become licensed school psychologists who practice in education or health care settings.

Many doctoral students who participate in the Learning Design and Technology program become instructional designers and technology leaders within public schools, institutions of higher education, and commercial business industries.

Master of Science (MS) Degrees
The department offers MS degrees in Bilingual/ESL Education, Educational Psychology, and Special Education; each of these degrees requires successful completion of a thesis in addition to coursework. Students pursuing an MS in Educational Psychology pursue a program of study in either (a) Developmental Sciences or (b) Research, Measurement, and Statistics.
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