Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Psychology and a Major Concentration in Human-Computer Interaction and Human Factors

Program Learning Outcomes for the PhD Degree in the field of Psychology and a Major Concentration in Human-Computer Interaction and Human Factors

Upon completing the PhD degree in the field of Psychology and a major concentration in Human-Computer Interaction and Human Factors, students will be able to:

1. Apply theoretical and methodological tools to carry out independent research in human-computer interaction and human factors.
2. Write an independent and original thesis that is of sufficient quality to merit publication in a top human factors/human-computer interaction journal.
3. Conduct a focused review of the literature and develop a research design to carry out independent research.
4. Communicate and defend their research design and modeling choices when presenting their papers and/or presentations.
5. Communicate their research effectively by writing clearly, concisely, and cogently.
6. Read critically and assess research manuscripts related to their field of study and in other fields.

Requirements for the MA and PhD Degrees in the field of Psychology

MA Degree Program

The MA degree is a thesis master’s degree. For general university requirements, please see Thesis Master’s Degrees (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-thesis-masters-degrees/). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/). Although students are not normally admitted to study for an MA in Psychology, graduate students may earn the MA degree after obtaining approval of their candidacy for the PhD. For general university requirements for PhD degrees, please see Doctoral Degrees (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/). For both MA and PhD degrees, students must complete a research thesis, including a public oral defense. Required coursework is determined by the student’s major concentration. Students must complete an admission-to-candidacy procedure to establish their expertise in their chosen major concentration. Competence in a foreign language is not required.

Requirements for the PhD Degree in the field of Psychology

PhD Degree Program

For general university requirements, please see Doctoral Degrees (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/). In addition, students pursuing the PhD degree in the field of Psychology must:

• Complete all coursework with a minimum grade of B- (2.67 grade points) in each required course.
• Complete all of the course requirements in their major concentration.
• Successfully complete and present the first-year project in May of the first year.
• Successfully complete and present the second-year project in May of the second year.
• Write and defend a thesis. The thesis committee must be in the area of Human-Computer Interaction and Human Factors and be overseen by a Psychology faculty member affiliated with the Human-Computer Interaction and Human Factors Major Concentration.

Students who have not previously completed a master’s degree in Psychology or a related field, must successfully defend a master’s thesis and earn the MA degree in Psychology. Students who come to Rice with a master’s degree in a related field can be exempted from this requirement.

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PSYC 541  HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION  3
PSYC 609  METHODS IN HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION  3
PSYC 660  PROFESSIONAL ISSUES  3

Elective Requirements
Select 5 courses from the following:  15
PSYC 504  COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 522  INFORMATION PROCESSING AND ATTENTION
PSYC 524  MEMORY
PSYC 525  PSYCHOLINGUISTICS
PSYC 527  REASONING, DECISION MAKING, PROBLEM SOLVING
PSYC 530  FOUNDATIONS OF I-O PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 535  HUMAN FACTORS/ERGONOMICS
PSYC 543  COMPUTATIONAL MODELING OF COGNITIVE PROCESSES
PSYC 581  VISION SCIENCE
PSYC 601  MULTIVARIATE STATISTICS
PSYC 602  PSYCHOMETRICS
PSYC 630  ADVANCED TOPICS IN I/O
PSYC 634  PERSONNEL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 640  TOPICS IN HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION

First-Year Project
Second-Year Project
Thesis Requirement
Completion and public defense of thesis
Additional Coursework as Approved by Department
Total Credit Hours  Minimum of 90

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines
Students pursuing the PhD degree in the field of Psychology should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

• Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Psychological Sciences website: https://psychology.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the PhD Degree in the field of Psychology
Additional Information
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Policies for the PhD Degree in the field of Psychology

Department of Psychological Sciences Graduate Program Handbook
The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the department of Psychological Sciences publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2021_22/Psychology_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Transfer Credit
For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/#transfer). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.