PSYCHOLOGY PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures).

Master's

The department offers no terminal master's degree, but students must earn a master's degree as one of the requirements for the PhD degree. To obtain the MA or MS degree, students take the courses required for the specialized field and complete a master's thesis.

PhD

Total Units Required: 27

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Additional course requirements differ for the five program areas.  

1 See Department Guide (https://www.psychology.northwestern.edu/graduate/current/graduate-student-handbook.html) for more Information

Other PhD Requirements

- **Examinations**: For admission to candidacy, written examination or paper.
- **Research/Projects**: In addition to master's project and PhD dissertation, students expected to engage in supervised research projects
- **PhD Dissertation**: Result of independent research in specialized field
- **Final Evaluations**: Oral examination on dissertation
- **Other**: Teaching assignment (see department guide (https://www.psychology.northwestern.edu/graduate/current/graduate-student-handbook.html))