Psychology + College of Arts and Sciences

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW

The department of psychology at Saint Louis University offers a nonterminal master’s degree and doctoral programs in three areas:
• Clinical psychology
• Experimental psychology (with concentrations in developmental psychology, social psychology and cognitive neuroscience)
• Industrial-organizational psychology

The American Psychological Association has continually accredited the clinical psychology program since 1965. Questions related to the program’s accreditation status should be directed to the American Psychological Association’s Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
750 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202-336-5979 | Email: apaaccred@apa.org | apa.org/ed/accreditation

Clinical Psychology
In its 2015 “Best Graduate Schools” edition, U.S. News & World Report ranked SLU’s clinical psychology graduate education program in the top 100 of all graduate programs in the United States. This program trains students as scientist-practitioners to provide clinical and research services in academic or health care settings. The 36 credit hours required for the master’s degree include 30 credit hours comprising the departmental and clinical core coursework and six credit hours of thesis research. Each student must complete and defend a thesis in accordance with graduate school requirements. Upon completion of the master’s degree, doctoral students complete an additional 42 credit hours of coursework and 12 credit hours of dissertation research. Students conduct a public presentation and oral defense of the dissertation following completion of this research project. Finally, students must complete an APA-approved internship in clinical psychology prior to receiving their doctoral degree.

Experimental Psychology
Saint Louis University offers a multifaceted, full-time Ph.D. program in experimental psychology. Graduate students specialize their research in one of the concentration areas of cognitive neuroscience, developmental or social psychology and also receive broad instruction in each of these program areas. Each concentration integrates theory and research through rigorous coursework, research activities and professional experiences. To complete the program, the student must complete a minimum of 59 credit hours (or the equivalent for students who enroll with a master’s degree in psychology, for which some credit hours may be transferred).

Industrial-Organizational Psychology
Specialty training in industrial-organizational psychology at Saint Louis University is based on the scientist-practitioner model. The program prepares doctoral-level professionals with the research, assessment and intervention skills to advance the scientific study of the workplace and improve organizational performance and individual well-being. The program requires that students complete a minimum of 73 credit hours (or the equivalent for students who enroll with a master’s degree in industrial-organizational psychology). In addition to coursework and professional training activities, students must complete and successfully defend an empirical thesis and dissertation.

DEGREES & PROGRAMS
• Doctor of Philosophy

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
• Application form and fee (if applicable)
• Transcript(s)
• Three letters of recommendation
• GRE scores
• Résumé or curriculum vitae
• Personal goal statement and writing sample
• Interview (pending application review)
• Diversity statement (clinical)

ADMISSION CRITERIA
Clinical Psychology:
• Average undergraduate GPA of 3.5
• Relevant clinical and research experience
• Bachelor’s degree in psychology, with the intent to complete both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees

Experimental Psychology:
• Diversified undergraduate education, including the equivalent of at least a psychology minor
• A committee will review the application in its entirety, attending to GRE scores, GPA, letters of recommendation, previous experience, and the fit between the applicant’s research interests/career goals and program offerings
Our mission is to educate students in the discipline of psychology and its applications. We encourage intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and ethical responsibility in our teaching, research and practice. Our commitment to value-based, holistic education and our enthusiasm for psychology is realized in the products of our research, in our graduates, and in service to others.

All applications for admission are considered for assistantships. No additional or separate application is required.

For information on scholarships and financial aid, please visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.