

## Nature of the Program

The department offers training in the following primary specialty areas: Biological Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive and Developmental Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology and School Psychology. The program is a doctoral program- it is not appropriate for students seeking to complete their education with a master's degree. We do not offer degrees in Counseling Psychology or Social Work. Appropriate departments for these programs at LSU are the [College of Education](#) and the [School of Social Work](#), respectively.

If you need help determining the appropriate field of study to pursue, the American Psychological Association (APA) provides useful information at <http://www.apa.org/students/brochure/brochurenew.pdf> and <http://www.apa.org/topics/psychologycareer.html>.

The graduate program in Psychology follows the mentor model. For this reason, it is recommended that prospective students review our [Faculty](#) web pages along with this document. Each faculty member has additional information regarding his/her interests and publications listed there. This is an effective way to determine if your goals and interests match those of our faculty and our program, as well as to find examples of the research conducted here at LSU.

### *Applicant Qualifications*

Ninety-five percent of the students we accept have an undergraduate degree in Psychology and some also have master's level courses and degrees. The following minimum prerequisites must be completed prior to applying to the program: Courses equivalent to LSU's PSYC 2000 (Introduction to Psychology), PSYC 2011 (General Statistics) & PSYC 2017 (Research Methods in Psychology).

The Fall 2009 incoming class has an average undergraduate GPA of 3.62 and GRE of 1229 (verbal 550 & quantitative 679). The departmental minimums for admission are a 3.0 GPA and 1000 GRE.

The department takes education very seriously and expects the same from our students. We do not allow students to attend part-time and students are not allowed to hold a full-time job while enrolled in our program. Students are expected to devote full-time to their studies. All course work must be completed here in Baton Rouge, with our faculty members; no online or correspondence courses are available.

The Department of Psychology is dedicated to giving each student the education needed to be a highly functioning professional in the field of their choice. We are very proud of our program. It attracts students from around the world. Our graduates go on to rewarding careers in academia, industry and private or public practice.