

# **PhD Psych**

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology**

Under Review | Fall 2025


# Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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✓ Debra Nieto | 11/11/2024 11:09 AM

**Department Chair Approval, Psychology**

Approved | Department Chair

✓ Derek Hamilton | 11/11/2024 11:13 AM

**Registrar Technical Check Approval, Registrar Technical Check**

Approved | Registrar Technical Check

✓ Michael Raine | 11/14/2024 1:49 PM

— Maggie Sumruld

**College/School Approval, College of Arts & Sciences: Natural Sciences & Mathematics**

Approved | College or School approver

✓ Peter Fawcett | 12/03/2024 11:44 AM

**Library Approval, Main Campus Library**

Approved | Library Approval

✓ Sever Bordeianu | 12/03/2024 5:11 PM

**SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee**

Approved | Chair

✓ Robben Brown | 3/06/2025 10:12 AM

**FSCC Member notification, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee**

Notification Sent | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Member

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**Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Approval, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee**

Approved | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

- Janet Vassilev
- ✓ Nicole Capehart

FSCC voted to approve.

5/02/2025 9:15 PM

**Provost Approval, Main Campus Provost**

Approved | Provost

- ✓ Pamela Cheek | 5/18/2025 11:24 AM

**Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate**

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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Approval | HED CIP code approval

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Approval | Registrar final approval

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**Changes**

- College
- Degree Hours
- Requirements
- participants
- Proposed Effective Term and Year

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## Proposal Information

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**Sponsoring faculty/staff member**

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Proposed

**College**

College of Arts & Sciences:  
Natural Sciences &  
Mathematics

**Department**

Psychology

**Campus**

Main Campus

Existing

**College**

College of Arts & Sciences

# Effective Term and Year

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Proposed  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall 2025

Existing  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall 2024

# Justification

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Proposed  
**Program Justification**  
Two separate proposals have been submitted to both remove a course from the clinical concentration (PSYC 535) and add two additional credit hours to a pre-existing course (PSYC 531). This proposal is intended to edit the credit hour requirements on this page to reflect a minimum of 32 hours (assuming the other two proposals are approved) instead of the 33 that is currently listed so that there is not any disharmony.

Existing  
**Program Justification**  
Edit to program description requested.

**Graduate program revision**  
No

# Program Category and Level

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<b>Program Category</b>	<b>Program Level</b>	<b>Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name</b>
Degree	Graduate	Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

**Certificate or Degree Type**  
Doctor of Philosophy

**Degree/Certificate Level**  
Doctoral

**Is this program also offered online?**  
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# File Uploads

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Document uploads

## Associated Quali Forms

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Select any associated course forms that exist

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## Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

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Interdepartmental Program

No

## Catalog Information

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### Program Description

Founded in 1960, the doctoral program in Psychology is based on the premise that Psychology, in all its areas, is fundamentally a scientific discipline. The program emphasizes the generation and dissemination of new knowledge obtained through empirical research and provides a training environment in which students develop expertise and independence as scientists in their chosen discipline. The program also emphasizes professional development appropriate for academic careers or careers in the private sector or public service. We offer doctoral degrees in five concentrations: Clinical Psychology, CBB (Cognition, Brain, and Behavior), Evolutionary Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and Diversity and Health Data Across the Lifespan. Students may also complete additional coursework and gain research experience in three areas of emphasis: Health Psychology, Diversity and Multicultural Psychology, and Quantitative Psychology.

### Admissions Requirements

The department admits new students to the graduate program only for the Fall semester of each year; exceptions to this procedure are rare. Since competition for the few available openings each year is strong, only applicants with excellent academic records as well as first-rate letters of recommendation are likely to succeed in gaining admission. Interested applicants are advised to have at least 15 credit hours in psychology, including one course in psychological statistics and either a laboratory course or independent research in psychology. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores are required for the application. The GRE Psychology Subject test, although strongly recommended, is not required. Deadlines Fall semester: December 1 for full consideration. After that date, comparison of candidates and extension of offers of admission and of financial aid begins, and continues until May 1 or until all positions have been filled. Spring semester: None accepted. Summer session: None accepted. Only those applications received and completed by December 1 are guaranteed to receive consideration.

### Graduation Requirements

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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### License/Certification associated with program

No

## Degree Information

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Proposed	Minimum Major Hours
Degree Hours	
63-65	
Existing	
Degree Hours	
64-66	



# Degree Requirements

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## Requirements

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - PSYC501 - Advanced Statistics (3)
    - PSYC503L - Advanced Statistics Laboratory (1)
    - PSYC502 - Design and Analysis of Experiments (3)
    - PSYC504L - Design and Analysis of Experiments Laboratory (1)
    - PSYC505 - Research Seminar (2)
    - PSYC507 - Teaching Seminar (2)
    - PSYC551 - Graduate Problems (1 - 3)
  - Earn at least ~~33~~ **32** credits from the following types of courses:  
Concentration requirements and electives.
  - Earn at least 18 credits from the following:
    - PSYC699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)

**Grand Total Credits: 63 - 65**

## Concentrations

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### Program Concentrations

Code	Title
CON Clin Psy	Clinical Psychology
CON Evol Psyc	Evolutionary Psychology
CON Cogn Brain Behav	Cognition, Brain and Behavior
CON Dev Psych	Developmental Psychology
CON Diversity & Health Data Sci	Diversity and Health Data Science Across the Lifespan
CON Quant Methd	Quantitative/Methodology
CON Hlth Psyc	Health Psychology

## Concentration Required

Yes

# Emphases

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Emphasis required

Emphasis Hours

No

## Emphasis Rules

# Emphases

- Complete 1 of the following

### **Diversity/Multicultural Psychology**

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - PSYC508 - Psychological Research with Diverse Populations (3)
  - Students must complete a total of 9 credit hours of graduate coursework. In addition to PSYC 508, students must choose one course from Category A. Students must then choose a third course from either Category A or Category B.

- Complete all of the following

### **Category A**

- Complete all of the following
  - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
    - PSYC516 - Health Disparities (3)
    - PSYC629 - Culture and Human Development (3)
    - PSYC636 - Diversity Multicultural Perspectives in Clinical Psychology (3)
  - Other Psychology courses approved by the Diversity/Multicultural Psychology Faculty such as Special Topics courses focused on subjects in diversity or with working with specific populations may be taken in place of courses listed above.

### **Category B**

- Earn at least 3 credits from the following types of courses:  
Courses related to Diversity and Multiculturalism that are offered by other UNM departments and programs, such as the College of Population Health, the Institute for the Study of Race and Social Justice or the Department of Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies. Courses in fulfillment of Category B must be approved by the Diversity/Multicultural Psychology Faculty to count towards the emphasis. Course syllabi will be reviewed as part of this process.
- Earn at least 3 credits from the following types of courses:  
One additional course from category A or B.
- Clinical Psychology concentration students may not use PSYC 636 to fulfill the Diversity/Multicultural Psychology emphasis. Clinical Psychology concentration students will be required to demonstrate diversity/multicultural competence by providing clinical services to diverse clientele, obtaining clinical hours in a practicum with a focus on diverse clientele, and receiving supervision through the UNM Cultural Counseling Center (e.g., Diversity Specialty Clinic).

### **Health Psychology**

- Complete all of the following
  - The purpose of the Health Psychology emphasis is to provide specialized training in the application of psychology to physical health and medical problems. Beyond the courses required for the

concentration, students must complete at least two courses from category A and at least one course from category B.

- Complete all of the following

**Category A**

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete at least 2 of the following:
    - PSYC516 - Health Disparities (3)
    - PSYC650 - Special Topics in Psychology (1 - 3)
  - Acceptable topics for PSYC650 are Health Disparities and Pediatric Psychology.

**Category B**

- Complete at least 1 of the following:
  - PSYC542 - Seminar in Recovery of Function and Epilepsy (3)
  - PH501 - Determinants and Equity in Public Health (4)
  - PH507 - Health Care Systems (3)
- Clinical Psychology concentration students may not use PSYC 540 to fulfill the Health Psychology emphasis. Substitute coursework for Categories A and B must be approved by the Health Psychology Committee. This emphasis is not available to Health Psychology concentration students.

**Quantitative Methodology**

- Complete all of the following
  - Earn at least 9 credits from the following:
    - PSYC601 - Multivariate Statistics (3)
    - PSYC650 - Special Topics in Psychology (1 - 3)
    - ECE595 - Special Topics (1 - 4)
    - EDPY607 - Structural Equation Modeling (3)
    - PH502 - Introduction to Epidemiology Public Health (3)
    - STAT574 - Biostatistical Methods: Survival Analysis and Logistic Regression (3)
    - STAT576 - Multivariate Analysis (3)
    - STAT577 - Introduction to Bayesian Modeling (3)
    - STAT581 - Introduction to Time Series Analysis (3)
  - Requests to use other courses are reviewed by the Quantitative Methodology Committee on a case-by-case basis. This emphasis is not available to Quantitative/Methodology concentration students.

## Program Learning Outcomes

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**Learning Outcomes**

Advanced research competence, including theoretical, conceptual, and empirical skills in a subfield of psychology.  
Advanced teaching competence.

## Registrar Office Only

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<b>CM Program Code</b>	<b>BANP</b>	<b>Banner Program Code</b>	<b>Major Code</b>
PhD Psych		PHD-PSY	PSY
<b>Online Program Code</b>	<b>Online Major Code</b>	<b>Pre-major Program Code</b>	<b>Pre-major Major Code</b>

**CIP Code**

420101

**Concentration Inheritance**

Yes

**Catalog**

Main Campus

**Catalog Activation Date**

08/01/24

**Notes**

MR, 5/6/24: per Debra Nieto:

First, our Program Description will need a small edit to include our new area. I have included the program description with the necessary edits in bold below: