

# Psychology PhD

*The Psychology Ph.D. Program aims to prepare students for applied and academic careers within three specialty areas: Applied Social Psychology, Behavioral Neurobiology, and Theoretical/Philosophical Psychology. The intent is to increase students' knowledge and understanding in an atmosphere of rigorous scholarship, original research, and mentorship. The program consists of four years of course work, including teaching, and research. The Department's Purpose: The department joins students and faculty together to make a thoughtful contribution to the discipline of psychology. Its faculty members and administrators are committed to an educational experience that excites learning and understanding in personal and collaborative settings. Graduates will:*

1. Be able to demonstrate a comprehensive familiarity with at least four major sub-disciplines within psychology. Such familiarity should extend to research, theory, and application. Sub-disciplines include but are not limited to: behavioral neurobiology, cognition, development, history and theory, learning and memory, motivation and emotion, personality and abnormality, research and statistical methods, and social and health psychology.
2. Be able to demonstrate technical sophistication related to their self-selected area of scholarly specialty by using laboratory apparatus, software applications, clinical procedures for testing and measurement, survey instruments, etc.
3. Be able to design, produce, analyze, and report original research that contributes to their self-selected area of scholarly specialty.
4. Be able to weigh evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as an academic and professional discipline. In particular, they should be able to critically reflect on these values in light of their knowledge of and commitment to the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and to sustain personal values that are true to the gospel while maintaining their scholarly study of psychology.

