Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology: Major in Developmental Science
Developmental science is concerned with the description and explanation of change over time in humans and other organisms. The Developmental Science area integrates a life-span orientation toward developmental science in an international and interdisciplinary multicultural urban context. Students are expected to master a series of core course requirements designed to facilitate a thorough grounding in theory, methodology, and content in both basic and applied research in developmental science. A number of seminars reflecting the specialized foci of the program are also offered. Students have the opportunity to specialize in any phase of the lifespan or on any issues or topics that span phases of the lifespan and to focus on basic or applied research.

Students admitted to the program are expected to maintain full-time status throughout their four years in the doctoral program and to become involved in research at an early point in their graduate training by participating in faculty research projects and by carrying out individual research under the guidance of one or several faculty members. Students are also guided and encouraged to publish their individual research projects and to present their work at professional conferences. They are provided opportunities for teaching as part of their graduate training.

Admission Requirements*
To be admitted into the Developmental Science doctoral program, a student must:
1. Hold a Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from an accredited college or university.
2. Have a 3.0 average or higher during the last two years of the undergraduate program and submit Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.
3. Arrange to have three letters of recommendation evaluating the applicant’s potential for graduate work sent to the Psychology Graduate Program Director.
4. Send a brief essay stating reasons for interest in the program and career goals to the Psychology Graduate Secretary.
5. Receive approval from the Departmental Graduate Education Committee.
6. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 92 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 580 in the TOEFL) is required.

*These are minimum requirements. Admission is competitive.
Degree Requirements
The Ph.D. in Psychology requires a minimum of 75 semester credits of graduate work beyond the baccalaureate, including a dissertation based on the student’s original research. A maximum of 36 credits may be transferred from a completed masters degree program with the approval of the program director.

Required Courses
Developmental Science doctoral students are required to complete the 9 credits of departmental core course requirements established across majors in the Department, along with more specialized content courses and courses involving directed independent effort, as listed below:

(a) Common core courses (9 credits)
Statistics/Methodology courses (9 credits minimum)

(b) Developmental content courses (18 credits drawn from the following 3 credit courses and approved by program director):

CBH 5256: Animal Cognition
CLP 5169 Proseminar in Developmental Psychopathology
CLP 6168 Psychopathology across the Life Span
DEP 5054: Cognitive Development
DEP 5056 Current Issues in Life Span Development
DEP 5068 Applied Life Span Developmental Psychology
DEP 5058 Bio-Behavioral Development
DEP 5099 Proseminar in Infancy, Childhood, and Adolescence
DEP 5186 Special Topics in Developmental Psychology
DEP 5188 Current Issues in Cognitive and Perceptual Development in Infancy
DEP 5315 Proseminar in Parent-Child Relations
DEP 5405 Proseminar in the Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
*DEP 5608 Theoretical Perspectives in Developmental Psychology
DEP 5725 Seminar in Psychosocial Development
DEP 5796 Developmental Methods
DEP 5930 Outreach Research
DEP 5936 Integrating Theory and Research in Developmental Science
DEP 6117 Psychology of Caregiving
DEP 6645: Cognition & Language
DEP 7096 Seminar in Psychology of Life-Span Social Development
EAB 5098 Proseminar in Behavior Analysis
EAB 6707 Learning and Development
EXP 5667 Cognitive Neuroscience
PSY 5605: History & Systems
PSY 5930 Qualitative Methods
PSY 5939 Special Topics
SOP 5081 Psychological Influence on Health and Illness

(c) Supervised research/independent study/field experience/internship courses (18 credits)

(d) Electives (9 credits approved by the program director)

(e) Master’s Project (6 credits approved by the program director)

(f) Comprehensive exam

(g) PSY 7980 Dissertation (15 credits)

*Students are required to take DEP 5608 Theoretical Perspectives in Developmental Psychology & PSY 5605: History & Systems as both serves as the basis of sections on the comprehensive exams.*
# Course Requirements Map for Students Entering Program After & Including Fall 2014

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