

## 2015-2016 Admission

### Requirements PhD Psychology

Following are the simple steps to apply for graduate study in Psychology in the Division of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Denver. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the [\*\*Office of Graduate Studies\*\*](#).

#### Apply Online / Application Deadlines

- Applications for graduate study at the University of Denver must be submitted online. [\*\*Apply online\*\*](#).
- All online materials must be received, and all supplemental materials including transcripts must be on file in the Office of Graduate Studies, by the program's stated deadline: **December 1**.
- A \$65 non-refundable application fee is required for an application to be processed. Application fee waivers are available for McNair Scholars.

#### Course and Degree Prerequisites and Requirements

- Proof of a bachelor's, and, if applicable, a master's degree is required from a regionally accredited college or university.

#### Transcripts

- Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from each post-secondary institution they have attended, or are presently attending, where two quarter hours (or one semester hour) or more were completed including study abroad and college coursework completed in high school.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all transcripts. Applicants who have earned a degree outside the U.S. must submit transcripts accompanied by certified English translations, if not normally issued in English. DU students and alumni do not need to provide DU transcripts.
- Official study abroad transcripts are required unless the course titles, grades and credit earned abroad appear on another transcript. Transcripts from outside of the U.S. are evaluated by the Office of International Student Admission. This process can take three to four weeks and must be complete by the program's stated deadline. Therefore, applicants with a degree from outside of the U.S. are encouraged to apply early. Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for assistance regarding transcript-related materials.
- The University of Denver will consider electronic transcripts official from a domestic institution provided by the following approved agencies: Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS); Docufide/Parchment; National Student Clearinghouse; Naviance; Royall and Company; and, Scrip-Safe.



- Paper transcripts should be sent to the following address:  
University of Denver Office of Graduate Studies  
Mary Reed Building, Room 5  
2199 S. University Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80208-4802

Electronic transcripts should be sent to [gradinfo@du.edu](mailto:gradinfo@du.edu).

### **Test Scores**

- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency by the program's stated deadline. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.

### **Language Proficiency**

- Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. Applications will not be processed until the required TOEFL or IELTS score is received. The TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date. The minimum TOEFL score accepted by the Psychology program is 80 (iBT) or 550 (paper-based). The minimum IELTS score accepted by the University is 6.0. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842. Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a 26 on the TOEFL speaking section or 8.0 on the IELTS speaking section. Please see the Graduate Policy Manual for complete English language proficiency requirements.
- Applicants may be exempted from English proficiency test requirements if by the time of matriculation they have earned a post-secondary degree from a formally-recognized/accredited university where the language of instruction and examination is English. Such applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement but not from other standardized graduate entrance examinations. There are no exemptions for graduate teaching assistants.
- Students whose native language is not English and who are required to submit **TOEFL/IELTS** scores will be assessed by the University of Denver English Language Center (ELC) prior to matriculation.

### **Biographical and Diversity Statements, Mentor Selection, and Resume**

- **Biographical Statement**

Please prepare approximately 2-3 pages of typewritten, double-spaced autobiographical material which will be considered confidential. (Please be aware that the review committees



may contain graduate student representatives.) Indicate the source of your interest in psychology and the reasons why you wish to pursue graduate studies in your chosen area of specialization. If you have had practical experience (work or volunteer) in psychology, please describe it. If you have been in another area of academic study or employment, discuss your change. When and how was your attention directed to our graduate program? Indicate how the specific features of our training program would facilitate your professional goals.

- Mentor Selection

Please review the descriptions of our faculty's research interests and state which faculty member(s) you would like to do your research with. Explain why the faculty's research interests represent a match with your own training goals and your career plans. Please type the name(s) of your proposed mentor(s) on a separate line at the end of your essay so as to facilitate screening. Mentors are typically faculty in the student's program, but our program allows cross-program mentors. So, for example, clinical child applicants may list a faculty mentor that is not a member of the clinical child faculty. If there is one person you are primarily interested in, name one; if there are two who you are interested in, name two. There is no advantage to naming just one person or naming two people. What is important is the rationale for your choice.

- Diversity Statement

Applicants to the clinical child program are required (and other applicants are invited) to include a one page essay describing how their thinking about research and clinical work is influenced by considerations of diversity (broadly defined).

- Resume

Please submit a resume that includes: publications, professional presentations, awards and scholarships, professional experience (both research and clinical), and membership in professional organizations

### **Recommendation Letters**

- Three letters of recommendation are required and should emphasize research potential or promise. Letters should be solicited and uploaded by recommenders through the online application system. Requests for letters should be sent to recommenders well in advance so the letters are on file by the application deadline.

### **Financial Support**

- To be considered for financial support, domestic applicants should apply early and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline; February 15. Information about financial aid can be found on the **Office of Financial Aid**. International students are not eligible for federal financial aid.
- The department intends to provide full tuition waivers for the 120 hours required for

the Ph.D. and stipend support for at least four years for students in good standing. Additional support may be available during the summer months for teaching or research assistantships. In addition to tuition and stipend support, the department makes available, on a competitive basis, funds for both research and travel to professional meetings.

### **Application Status**

- We encourage you to be actively engaged in the admission process. You can check your application status online at [\*\*PioneerWeb\*\*](#). Applicants will receive login information post application submission.

### **Contact Information**

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For more information call (303) 871-2706 or chat with us via [\*\*Live Counselor\*\*](#).

### ***International Applicants***

- For complete international applicant information, please visit the [\*\*Office of Graduate Studies International Student Application Information\*\*](#). International applicants are strongly encouraged to have their applications complete, with all materials on file in the admission office, at least eight weeks prior to the program's application deadline.

The [\*\*Graduate Policies and Procedures\*\*](#) provides complete details regarding admission requirements.