The Department of Psychology at Montana State University offers a research-oriented Ph.D. degree in Psychological Science. Psychological Science is a broad term for scientific research in the core academic areas of psychology. These areas include cognitive, developmental, health, learning, physiological, and social psychology. Psychologists conducting psychological research work in a wide range of settings such as colleges and universities, health care facilities, federal & state government, small & large businesses, and many other places.

The goal of our graduate program is to train students to think critically about theory and evidence, to understand and use statistical procedures, and to design, conduct, and publish psychological research. The psychology department at MSU does not have graduate faculty who specialize in clinical, counseling, community, or school psychology. Moreover, we are not a practitioner-oriented program. We are a program for students who want to conduct research and pursue research-oriented careers, academic or otherwise.

To satisfy the degree requirements, students must work intensively with their advisor to complete a research project culminating in a written master's thesis by their second year, complete qualifying exams by the beginning of the fourth year, and complete an advanced research project culminating in a written dissertation within or after the fourth year. Students must complete at least 3 graduate-level psychology courses on statistics/research methods, 1 credit of a teaching course, and 8 content courses. General areas of faculty research interest include: cognitive psychology, physiological psychology, social psychology, health psychology, statistics, and research methods.

The psychology faculty at MSU uses an individualized mentorship approach to graduate training. Students and their advisors work together to devise a program of coursework and research best suited for the students' career goals. The opportunity to conduct research with a faculty member is a unique component of our graduate program as it provides training useful for the ultimate pursuit of a research-related career in academic or non-academic settings.

Graduate Program

• Ph.D. in Psychological Science (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/psychology/phd-psychology/)
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