



University of Connecticut

Psychology

PhD Programs

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PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR FALL ADMISSION:

Clinical Psychology	DECEMBER 1
Industrial / Organizational Psychology	DECEMBER 15
Social Psychology	DECEMBER 15
Biopsychology	JANUARY 1
Neuroscience	JANUARY 1
Developmental Psychology	JANUARY 1
Ecological Psychology	JANUARY 1
Language and Cognition	JANUARY 1

NOTE: THERE IS NO SPRING ADMISSION TO ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS.

The online **Application for Admission** and the **Graduate Catalog** are available on the University of Connecticut Graduate School website: <http://www.grad.uconn.edu/applications.html> . Paper application forms can also be downloaded from this website.

All supporting materials should be mailed directly to the **Graduate School** (University of Connecticut, Graduate School, 438 Whitney Road Extension, Unit 1006, Storrs, CT 06269-1006). Please do not send application materials directly to the Psychology Department. **For quickest processing of your application we strongly recommend sending all supporting materials in one package.**

The following application materials are required for your application to be considered complete and eligible for review by the Psychology Department Admissions Committees:

Requirements of the UCONN Graduate School:

- (1) Application form

- (2) Application fee (\$55 for online application (payable by credit card only); \$75 for paper application, payable by check or money order)
- (3) One *official* transcript from each college or university attended
- (4) TOEFL or IELTS score for international applicants who are not native speakers of English
- (5) Residence Affidavit (**required for residents of Connecticut only**)

Materials Required by the Psychology Department*

- (6) Official General GRE score report
- (7) Official GRE Subject test in Psychology score report (**recommended, not required**)
- (8) Personal letter of application (2-4 pages). *There are no official guidelines for the statement. This is your chance to tell us about yourself, your goals, how you believe you would fit within your requested program, and anything else that you want us to know about yourself.*
- (9) Three letters of recommendation, preferably from your instructors in psychology. Only three are required, however you are welcome to send more. ***Please note that we do not provide forms or cover sheets for recommenders to use. Letters should be written on letterhead with an original signature (or on regular paper with the recommender's contact information included somewhere on the letter) and placed in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal.***
- (10) Any additional materials you wish to include with your application (i.e., vita, research papers, journal articles, etc.)

***Although there are separate Graduate School and Department requirements, all application materials (except the application form and fee if you apply online) should be sent to the Graduate School, preferably in one package. DO NOT send any application materials directly to the Psychology Department or there will be a delay in the processing of your application.**

If you do not send all of your materials in one package the Graduate School will send your application file to the Department once they have received all of the materials that they require; they will then forward additional materials as they are received. Although the Graduate School will send your file to the Department once their requirements have been met, your application will not be considered complete or reviewed by the Psychology Department admissions committee until all of the Graduate School *and* Psychology Department required materials have been received.

You should take the general GRE by October or earlier, if possible. Tests taken later might not reach us in time to be considered. Your application cannot be considered complete until the official **General GRE** scores arrive in the department. Scores typically take six to eight weeks to reach us.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (both General and Subject) are received electronically from ETS. It is very important that you use both an *Institution Code* and a *Department Code* when sending your scores. **If you do not specify a Department Code, we may not receive your test score report.** The Institution Code for the University of Connecticut-Storrs is **3915**. The Department Code is based on the area you plan to study (i.e., psychology, clinical

psychology, experimental psychology, etc.). Please refer to the list of applicable department codes in the GRE section of this brochure.

The Psychology Subject Test is recommended, not required, however taking it is to your advantage. Most applicants will have taken the subject test and taking it will make your application file more competitive. **It is particularly significant if Psychology was not your major field of study as an undergraduate.** *Please note that the Psychology Subject Test is only offered in October, November, and April.* If your Subject GRE scores are not received by the application deadline this will not hold up the review of your application, since the Subject GRE is not required. Once we receive the Subject GRE scores, even if it is after the application deadline, we will add them to your application file; however, if your application has already been reviewed by the admissions committee before the Subject scores are received it is unlikely that the file will be re-reviewed once the scores arrive.

In response to the most frequently asked questions:

- All applications will be reviewed once they are complete. We do not refuse any applications that are not complete at the deadline. If GRE scores, or any other materials, are received after the deadline they will be added to the file when they are received. The file will be submitted to the admissions committee for review once the file is complete. Although all files will be reviewed once complete, space is limited in the graduate programs therefore any significant delay in submitting application materials could affect your chances of being admitted. Incomplete applications may be reviewed *after* complete applications have been reviewed. In this case, decisions will be made based on the information available at the time of review.
- Interviews: **The Clinical Division will formally interview their top candidates, usually in late-January to early-February.** Clinical faculty will contact interview candidates via phone or email to offer an interview, typically in late December or early January. You are welcome to visit the department at any time and may contact individual faculty or the program Division Heads to see if they would be able to meet with you, however a personal interview with a faculty member cannot be guaranteed until the applicant has been admitted.
- **ALL PROGRAMS ARE FULL-TIME.** Students are expected to work **full-time** toward their degree except for assignments related to their course work such as assistantships or internships.
- **NO PROGRAM FORMALLY OFFERS A TERMINAL MASTER'S DEGREE.** All of our psychology graduate programs are full-time Ph.D. programs, most of which *incorporate the Masters Degree as a part of the program.* Only on rare occasions will faculty accommodate students with exceptional circumstances and allow them to pursue a terminal Master's Degree.
- Students are rarely, if ever, accepted for the Spring semester.
- Prospective applicants who have not been admitted to a degree program at this University may take courses as a non-degree student although this will not guarantee admission at a later date. Should you later apply and be admitted to a

degree program at this University, usually not more than six credits (with a grade of at least B) will be accepted toward the Master's degree. For more information on registering as a non-degree student, please contact the University of Connecticut, Center for Continuing Studies, Credit Programs, One Bishop Circle, Unit 4056, Storrs, CT 06269-4056; phone: 860-486-5941; email: bgsstorr@uconn.edu; website: <http://continuingstudies.uconn.edu/nondegree/ndstudy.html> .

- If you have advanced standing we will accept any course work which we believe is the equivalent of our own.
- Decisions are usually made by April 1. Applicants will receive a decision letter via postal mail once a decision has been made. Inquiries should be directed to the Graduate Admissions Coordinator in the Department of Psychology (phone: 860-486-2057, email: psychgrad@uconn.edu).

Please Note: Because of the large number of applications we receive and our limited staff, we are not always able to notify you of the status of your application. The Graduate School considers your application complete once it has received the application form, fee, and all official transcripts (and TOEFL/IELTS if an international applicant). Once the Graduate School has received these materials they will send your application file to the department and notify you by email. **This notification does not mean that your application is complete and eligible for review by the Psychology Department admissions committee.** To verify that your application is complete and eligible for review by the admissions committee you should contact the Department of Psychology (e-mail: psychgrad@uconn.edu; phone: 860-486-2057).

For questions related to the online application process, fee waivers, or Graduate School admission requirements you may contact **the Graduate School** by phone: 860-486-3617 or email: gradschool@uconn.edu. For questions related to Psychology Department admission or program requirements you may contact the Psychology Department by email: psychgrad@uconn.edu or by phone: 860-486-2057.

THE Graduate Record Examination AND THE Psychology Subject Test

The GRE General Test (which includes the Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing sections) is offered in a computer-based format. (Paper-based administrations are offered in areas of the world where computer-based testing is not available.) This format makes it possible for ETS (Educational Testing Service) to offer you almost any test date and time that you want. You will be required to go to a computer-based testing center to take the test. Information about which sites are most convenient to your location can be found on the GRE web site, or an operator can assist you over the phone. To learn more about test requirements and available test centers, and to schedule an exam, please use the following contact information:

<p>WEB http://www.gre.org PHONE 1-866-473-4373</p>

Scores: Our department does not have a formal "cut-off" score for the GRE. As a guideline, we like to see that the candidates we formally admit into our programs have achieved at least the 80th percentile in one or more of the general GRE categories (Verbal, Quantitative, Analytical Writing). However, we have accepted students in the past who have not met this department guideline. The faculty carefully review all aspects of each admission file (i.e., GPA, recommendation letters, personal statement, supplementary information, etc.).

The Psychology Subject Test is only administered in a paper-based format. Hence, the test is only offered a few times a year. While this exam is highly recommended for all applicants, it is not required. The Subject Test dates and Score Mailing Dates for 2008-2009 are as follows:

TEST DATES

October 18, 2008
November 8, 2008
April 4, 2008

APPROX. SCORE REPORT MAILING DATES

November 26, 2008
December 19, 2008
May 15, 2009

Due to the limited seating for these exams, it is very important that you schedule your exam as early as possible. You can obtain Subject Test scheduling information using the GRE contact information listed above.

All of our Ph.D. programs are highly competitive, so it is in your best interest to take the Subject Test in addition to the general GRE; it will make your application file more competitive, particularly if Psychology was not your major field of study as an undergraduate student. Many of our applicants will take the Psychology Subject Test. Furthermore, most students who have difficulty on the General GRE actually test better on the Psychology Subject exam because it draws on material learned more recently in most students' academic careers.

GRE SCORE REPORTING CODES

Institution Code:

3915 – University of Connecticut, Storrs

Department and Major Field Codes:

Choose the department code listed below that most closely matches the psychology program to which you are applying. If you are unsure, use code 2016 – Psychology. If you do not list a department code on your score report we may not receive your scores, in which case your application will be considered incomplete.

Clinical Psychology	2001
Cognitive Psychology	2002
Developmental Psychology	2006
Experimental Psychology	2007
Industrial and Organizational Psychology	2008
Social Psychology	2015
Psychology	2016
Neurosciences	0213

FINANCIAL AID

Graduate Assistantships/Fellowships

There is no separate application process for Graduate Assistantships or Fellowships. All applicants who indicate on the application form that they are applying for a Graduate Assistantship or Fellowship will be considered for these types of financial aid.

Need-Based Financial Aid

Need-based financial aid awards can be made only if an applicant's financial need has been established. At most universities, the amount of financial need can be established only by completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA may be completed online (www.fafsa.ed.gov) or on paper. You may obtain a paper copy of the FAFSA at your local library or college/university financial aid office, from UCONN's Student Financial Aid Services office (see address & phone number at top of page), or by calling 1-800-433-3243. An informational brochure on completing the FAFSA can be found at the following website:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/completing_fafsa/index.html .

After receiving your application, the FAFSA processor will analyze your data and send the results to you and to the schools you list on your application in the form of a Student Aid Report (SAR). UCONN's **Federal School Code** is: **001417**.

It is to every eligible student's advantage to complete the FAFSA while applying to graduate school. After entering a particular graduate school, it is possible that need-based aid may be available in addition to any other non-need aid received. Only those with a current FAFSA need analysis will be eligible for such additional aid.

For additional information or questions please contact UCONN's Office of Student Financial Aid Services:

University of Connecticut
Student Financial Aid Services
233 Glenbrook Road Unit 4116
Storrs, CT 06269-4116
(860) 486-2819

<http://financialaid.uconn.edu/>

Admission Checklist

SEND THE FOLLOWING TO: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
GRADUATE SCHOOL
438 WHITNEY ROAD EXT., UNIT 1006
STORRS, CT 06269-1006

- _____ Graduate School Application Form*
- _____ Application Fee* (\$55 for online application / \$75 for paper application)
- _____ Official Transcript from each college or university attended
- _____ General GRE score**
- _____ Psychology Subject Test score**
- _____ A Minimum of 3 Letters of Recommendation
- _____ A Personal Statement (*please remember to put your name and social security number on at least the first page*)
- _____ Any other supplementary materials you wish to have reviewed (i.e., articles in print, relevant papers, vita, etc.)

**If you apply online the application form and fee will be submitted electronically. There is no need to mail a copy.*

***For exam scores, use the **Institution Code** for The University of Connecticut - Storrs (**3915**) **and** the **Department Code** for the area you plan to study (i.e., psychology, clinical psychology, experimental psychology, etc.).*

PLEASE REMEMBER...

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that their application is complete. Due to time constraints, we are not always able to contact applicants to notify them of missing materials. To confirm that all of your application materials have been received you should contact the Graduate School (860-486-3617) **and** the Psychology Department (psychgrad@uconn.edu or 860-486-2057).