NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Graduate Programs

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Department Psychology

College Science

UGPC Approval _____
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Catalog _____

Program Name
Experimental Psychology Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

☐ **New Program***

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Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Spring 2025

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

We are making the GRE Requirement OPTIONAL for the program, consistent with other COS graduate programs and other departments in the SUS.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

N/A

Approved by	***Date***
Department Chair	9/30/2024
College Curriculum Chair	**9/30/24**
College Dean	9/30/24
UGPC Chair	10/02/2024
UGC Chair	10/02/2024
Graduate College Dean	10/03/2024
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Provost	

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Doctoral Program

Experimental Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

(Minimum of 81 credits required)

The Department of Psychology offers graduate study leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology. Students may select major and minor areas of study from four areas of psychology: behavioral neuroscience, cognition, developmental psychology and social/personality.

Admission to Doctoral Study

In addition to meeting all of the University and College admission requirements for graduate study, applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree must meet each of the following criteria:

1. The student must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. It is not essential for this to be a degree in psychology.
2. GRE scores are optional. For those submitting, we recommend ~~The student must have a score of~~ at least 153 on the verbal component and 152 on the quantitative component of the Graduate Record Examination.

3. The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of undergraduate work.
4. The student must attain approval for graduate admission from the Department of Psychology.

An admitted applicant will usually have a strong record of achievement that is higher than the minimum requirements. In considering applications for admission to the Ph.D. program, the decision of the graduate admissions committee will be based on an evaluation of a student's record and the likelihood of success in the program. The committee will consider a number of factors that include, but are not limited to:

1. The applicant's record of achievement based on GPA, optional GRE scores and letters of recommendation;
2. The applicant's promise for research productivity while in graduate school; and
3. The availability and willingness of a faculty member to serve as a mentor for the student.