EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology

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(https://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/how-to-apply?url=/programs/grad)
overview of grad college admissions & requirements: https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply
department website: http://education.illinois.edu/edpsy
program website: College of Education Programs (https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs)
department faculty: Educational Psychology Faculty (https://education.illinois.edu/faculty-finder/edpsy)
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Graduate Degree Programs in Educational Psychology

Educational Psychology, EdM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/educational-psychology-edm) (on campus & online)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education) Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning)

Educational Psychology, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/educational-psychology-ma)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education) Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning)

Educational Psychology, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/educational-psychology-ms)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education) Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning)

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optional concentration: Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning)
optional concentrations:
African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/african-american-studies) (available to all on campus degrees)
Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://www.slate.illinois.edu) (PhD only)

Admission

Students entering without a master's degree must first complete the requirements for a Master of Science (including a master's thesis).

The Department offers admission to a terminal on-campus Master of Science (M.S.) degree with a focus on Studies in Interpretive, Statistical, Measurement, and Evaluative Methodologies for Education (QUERIES). There is no admission to terminal masters degrees in Cognitive Science of Teaching and Learning (CSTL), Developmental Sciences, or Counseling Psychology areas of specialization.

The department accepts applications for the Ph.D. degree, from both applicants who have completed their bachelor’s degrees and those who have a master’s degree. Students who enter the program without a prior master’s incorporate their master’s class work and research into their doctoral program, and earn a master’s degree as the first step toward their Ph.D (satisfying the "Early Research Project" requirement). The department does not accept applications for master’s degrees in CSTL, Developmental Sciences, or Counseling Psychology.

Applications

Doctoral applicants must submit a complete application for university admission, including three letters of reference, transcripts from all schools where undergraduate and graduate degrees were awarded or expect to be awarded prior to the application enrollment term, and other items listed in the department Web site (http://www.education.illinois.edu/edpsy). Applicants to our doctoral program apply for Fall enrollment. Current deadlines are posted on our department Web site (http://www.education.illinois.edu/edpsy).

Doctoral candidates are admitted into one of four divisions: CSTL, Developmental Sciences, QUERIES and Counseling Psychology. When making admission decisions, division committees consider academic performance (e.g., grade-point average, GPA), GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and statement of purpose. Preference is given to those with research experience and research interests that are aligned with existing research programs in the Department.

Master's candidates are only admitted into QUERIES.

Grade Point Average

The preferred department standard for grade point average is 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. The University calculates undergraduate GPAs on the last two years of grades for degreed applicants and in the last one year for students who have not yet completed their bachelor's degree. Graduate GPAs are calculated on the total of all graduate level courses taken beyond the undergraduate degree.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

International applicants must have demonstrated English language competence with TOEFL scores of greater than 610 (paper and pencil test), greater than 253 (computer-based test), or greater than 102 iBT. An IELTS score of greater than 6.5 overall, with at least 6 in each sub-section, can be substituted for the TOEFL score. Students who are accepted with lower scores will be required by the University to enroll on a limited status basis for at least their first semester.

Area of Study Affiliation

All applicants to the Educational Psychology doctoral program must specify one of four areas in which they wish to study.
Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/financial-aid) and campus. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (http://www.osfa.illinois.edu). Please note: Graduate students employed as Staff by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are not eligible for a College of Education Award or Scholarship.

The department does not require a separate financial aid application.

### for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology

The Department of Educational Psychology offers many programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program’s website, (https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs?degree=edd&department=edpsy) the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook), and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Students may select a concentration in Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning).

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**Total Hours**

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### Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum GPA</td>
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1. All students will take a minimum of 16-20 credit hours, depending on area of methodology focus, in approved research methods courses (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/phd/#PhDResearch).

2. Students pursuing the Concentration in African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/african-american-studies/#concentrationconcentrationtext) are required to take 24 hours of Concentration courses, for a total of 88 hours.

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