

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, PH.D.

Degree Requirements (92 Post-Baccalaureate Hours)

A minimum of 78 credit hours of course and practica work, two hours for internship, and dissertation work (PSYC 899) are required.

Course work includes 30 hours of core school psychology courses, 31 hours of general psychology courses, 6 hours of education electives, and 12 hours of specialty practica.

The Ph.D. degree in school psychology also requires successful completion of a qualifying examination, a written specialty examination, and a general oral comprehensive examination. Also required is an approved Ph.D. dissertation and a one-year, predoctoral, full-time internship. Many students obtain an APA-approved (or approval-seeking) internship. Students have the option of declaring a concentration in Quantitative Methods in Psychology. Concentration requirements are:

- a. Must be accepted to a University of South Carolina Psychology Department Doctoral Program (Clinical-Community, School, or Experimental)
- b. Make a B or better in four courses (12 hours) that have 710 as a pre-requisite (i.e., advanced quantitative courses.) 709/710 do not count, nor do assessment or methods classes. Courses must be at the 700 level or higher.
- c. Two of the four courses (6 hours) are required to be taught in the department
- d. The third and fourth courses can optionally be taught in another department contingent upon approval from the Concentration Program Director.

The sequence of events and more details concerning specific aspects are in the current *Graduate Program in School Psychology Student Handbook*, provided to all incoming students.