

Information for Prospective Health Psychology Graduate Students:

Thank you for your interest in the **UCLA Department of Psychology's Health Psychology Graduate Program**. All information concerning our Health Psychology program can be found at <http://health.psych.ucla.edu/>. Prospective students can download or print information about the program from the department website <http://www.psych.ucla.edu/graduate/prospective-students>. The Department no longer prints application information to be mailed.

UCLA's Psychology Department offers the Ph.D. degree, a five-year, full-time course of study. Students seeking a M.A. degree, or limited or part-time status, are not considered. The degree is granted in eight specialty areas, one of which is Health Psychology. You may apply to only one area. The Fall 2013 deadline for Departmental applications and supporting materials (e.g., letters of recommendation, transcripts) is December 1, 2012 for Health Psychology applicants.

The GRE General Test is required. The GRE subject test in Psychology is not required but recommended.

The UCLA online Application for Graduate Admission needs to be completed in order to be considered for admission into the graduate program. The application is available beginning in September 2012.

The UCLA Application for Graduate Admission can be found at <http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu>.

Candidates applying for Fall 2013 admission must submit the following material through the online Application for Graduate Admission:

1. Three letters of recommendation (preferably from research psychologists).
2. Unofficial GRE scores for the General Test. Scores must be no more than five years old. Official GRE scores must be received from ETS by the application deadline.
3. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities you have attended. One copy of your official transcript from all colleges/universities you have attended must be mailed to the following address by the application deadline:

UCLA, Department of Psychology
1285 Franz Hall
Box 951563
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1563
Attn: Ph.D. Program

Please note that one official copy of your transcript is needed for admission decisions to be made.

4. A Statement of Purpose. The Admissions Committee is very interested in your research experience and evidence of a desire to shape the future of psychology through scientific investigation.
5. International students must also submit a TOEFL score and a Financial Statement. Official TOEFL scores must be received from ETS by the application deadline.

6. Interviews are required for Health, Clinical, and Social Area finalists.

Candidate evaluations are handled by Faculty Area Admission Committees. For Fall of 2012, the Committees reviewed 915 applicants to form an incoming class of 38. As with any graduate program, test scores and GPAs are very important. The average Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores of students entering our program for Fall 2012 are: Verbal 650 (old scale) and 163 (new scale), Quantitative 732 (old scale) and 158 (new scale), Analytical Writing Section 4.8, and Psychology Subject Test 729.

Please note that the Department DOES NOT ACCEPT GRE SCORES OLDER THAN FIVE YEARS and reviewers consider your MOST RECENT SCORES. In addition, the Department does not have a minimum score "cut-off." All applicants are required to submit GRE General Test scores for the three sections of the test which includes verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing.

The average overall undergraduate GPA of the Fall 2012 incoming class is 3.82. University policy holds that an applicant must have a minimum GPA of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better--or its equivalent if the letter grade system is not used--for the last 60 semester units or last 90 quarter units of undergraduate study and in any post-baccalaureate study.

In addition to these measures, very careful consideration is given to your Statement of Purpose, research experience, and letters of recommendation. An outstanding record in one of these areas—especially demonstrated achievement in research endeavors—may compensate for less outstanding performance in another. The Department seeks a diverse student body. The program gives special attention to applicants who may contribute to the social or cultural diversity of our student body.

Please review the online application and information carefully. Please pay particular attention to the Application Instructions.

Note: Psychology no longer has a supplemental application.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Steve Herbert at gradadm@psych.ucla.edu.

For questions about the Health Psychology program, please contact Prof. Chris Dunkel Schetter at Dunkel@psych.ucla.edu or Prof. Julie Bower at jbower@ucla.edu