

Information for Prospective Health Psychology Graduate Students at UCLA

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 2017 deadline for Departmental applications and supporting materials (e.g., letters of recommendation, transcripts) is December 1, 2016 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 UCLA Application for Graduate Admission can be found at <https://grad.ucla.edu/admissions/admission-application-for-graduate-admission/>

Candidates applying for Fall 2017 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 Health Psychology Area 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 Area finalists. A select group of Health Psychology Area applicants will be invited to UCLA for interviews on February 10, 2017.

Candidate evaluations are handled by Faculty Area Admission Committees. Over each of the past three years, the Committees reviewed 753-856 applicants to form incoming classes of 23 to 41. As with any graduate program, GPA and test scores are important. Over the past three years, the average Graduate Record Exam (GRE) percentile scores of students entering our program were: Verbal 90th percentile, Quantitative 74th percentile, Analytical Writing Section 83rd percentile, and Psychology Subject Test 86th percentile.

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 for the past three years' incoming classes is 3.76. 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.

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. Annette Stanton (Health Area Chair) astanton@ucla.edu or Prof. Julie Bower (Health Area Admissions Chair) at jbower@ucla.edu We look forward to receiving your application.