

PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.) - DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
PSYC 700	Foundations of Doctoral Study in Psychology	3
PSYC 710	Psychological Research & Biblical Worldview ¹	3
PSYC 775	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 810	Advanced Research: Qualitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 815	Advanced Research: Quantitative Research & Analysis	3
Total Hours		21

¹ Intensive format optional

Code	Title	Hours
Developmental Psychology Concentration		
PSYC 725	Theories and Research in Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 750	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 812	Social Cognitive Development	3
PSYC 825	Contemporary Topics in Developmental Psychology	3
Choose nine credit hours of the following (at least two must be 800 level):		9
PSYC 635	Adult Psychology	
PSYC 645	Developmental Psychopathology	
PSYC 676	Developmental Neuropsychology	
PSYC 830	Child and Adolescent Development in the Digital Age	
PSYC 831	Advanced Child and Adolescent Development	
PSYC 832	Language and Cognitive Development	
PSYC 833	Moral Development	
Total Hours		21

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Courses		
PSYC 870	Prospectus: Developing the Dissertation Concept ¹	3
PSYC 987	Dissertation I ²	5
PSYC 988	Dissertation II ²	5
PSYC 989	Dissertation III ²	5
PSYC 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		18

¹ Intensive format optional

² PSYC 987 Dissertation I (5 c.h.), PSYC 988 Dissertation II (5 c.h.), and PSYC 989 Dissertation III (5 c.h.) can each be repeated one time to meet milestone

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 700	Foundations of Doctoral Study in Psychology	3
PSYC 725	Theories and Research in Developmental Psychology	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
PSYC 710	Psychological Research & Biblical Worldview ^{1,2}	3
PSYC 812	Social Cognitive Development	3
Hours		9
Second Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 750	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 815	Advanced Research: Quantitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PSYC 775	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 825	Contemporary Topics in Developmental Psychology ^{1,4}	3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9

Course	Title	Hours
Third Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 810	Advanced Research: Qualitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 870	Prospectus: Developing the Dissertation Concept ¹	3
PSYC Elective ³		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PSYC 987	Dissertation I ⁵	5
Hours		5
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
PSYC 988	Dissertation II ⁵	5
Hours		5
Second Semester		
PSYC 989	Dissertation III ⁵	5
PSYC 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		60

¹ Intensive Format optional

² Must be taken within the first year

³ Choose from the following courses (at least 2 must be 800 level): PSYC 635, 645, 676, 830, 831, 832, or 833

⁴ Must be taken within the second year

⁵ PSYC 987, 988, and 989 can be repeated one time to meet milestone.