

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY APPLICANTS

How to Complete Your Application

The deadline for receipt for all application materials is **December 10**.

In order to apply to the Graduate program in the department of psychology:

1. Complete the official university application for admission to graduate study available at <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply>. Instructions are available online as part of the application. Application payment can be made by credit card. As part of completing the university application form, you will identify 3 people (and their e-mail addresses) who will provide reference letters for you. They will receive instructions about how to submit their letters online or by mail if they prefer. Please contact your letter writers in advance of applying and make sure they will submit their letter before the December 10 deadline.
2. You must list on your online application each institution of post-secondary education from which you have earned credit. You must also upload your transcript / academic record (and diplomas or certificates of degrees if your degree is awarded and not listed on your transcript) for each degree granting institution. Official transcripts are not required at initial time of application, however the University of Illinois reserves the right to require official academic credentials at any time during the admissions process, and rescind any offer of admission made if discrepancies between unofficial and official transcript(s) are found. Additional details about [uploading](#) are available on the graduate college website.
3. Submit official GRE scores (General scores required; Subject test recommended). If you have not yet taken the GRE, it takes approximately two to three weeks for ETS to forward official test score reports to the University. Your application will be considered incomplete until your scores arrive. Information about taking the GRE may be obtained at your local testing bureau, from your academic advisor, from your campus counseling center, from your Graduate College Office, or from the: Educational Testing Service (GRE), Box 955, Princeton, NJ 08540 (www.gre.org). Information about local test sites and exam registration may be obtained by calling 1-800-GRE-CALL (for TTY: 1-800-529-3590). The GRE institution code for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is 1836; the department and major field code is 2016.

International students have additional requirements:

4. International applicants who are requesting F-1 or J-1 visa eligibility documents are required to submit [Proof of Funding Documentation](#). Additional information about the support provided by the department and the amount of funding to be documented is available on the [Department Website](#).
5. Provide evidence of [English proficiency](#). PLEASE NOTE: The department requires a spoken English exam be submitted by all applicants whose native language is not English. Our program contains a teaching requirement, so exemptions from the spoken English exam do not apply. For more information, please see the [English Proficiency Requirement for International Teaching Assistants](#).

6. International applicants must meet [minimum requirements](#) based on their country of origin.

Admissions for Spring Semester?

We typically do not accept applications to begin study in the spring. Although some such applications are occasionally considered because of special conditions, few if any of these applicants are admitted. Students interested in the clinical/community psychology program will definitely not be admitted to begin in the spring because the fixed sequence of required courses begins each fall.

Admission to the Division of Clinical Psychology

We receive over two hundred applications for the clinical program each year and aim for an average class of 8. We place great value on prior research and clinical/community experience and on recruiting a group of students who will be diverse in their research interests, age, gender, cultural background, and other factors. The division's admission committee (which consists of the program faculty and several students in the clinical/community program) reviews every application file for a combination of strong grades and academic credentials, relevant experience, a high quality personal statement, outstanding letters of recommendation, and goals appropriate to the opportunities available in our program and in our department as a whole. A group of about 30 applicants is then selected for further evaluation via telephone interviews and calls to the writers of their letters of recommendation. This evaluation is conducted by the faculty and student members of the admissions committee. Finally, the committee meets and selects the strongest applicants for offers of admission.

Applicants offered admission in the Clinical/Community Division will be invited to visit the campus around the middle of March. This is not a required visit, but a time for you to meet with current students and faculty in informal as well as informational meetings, interview, and social activities. Since we are unlikely to make admissions decisions until mid-February, you may want to keep the above time open for a possible visit.

Admission to the Division of Developmental Psychology

Applicants considered for admission in the Developmental Division will be asked to visit the Division in January. This is a required interview visit, and also a time for you to meet with current students and faculty in informational meetings and informal social activities. If you are interested in joining our graduate program, you may want to keep the above date open for a possible interview visit.

Reapplication by Unsuccessful Applicants

The files of unsuccessful applicants are kept intact for one full year. If you are not offered admission, you may write next fall to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office of the Department of Psychology to determine what is required for reapplication. You still need to complete a new University application and pay the application fee.