

# Applied Developmental Psychology

To obtain specific instructions for how to apply to the graduate programs in Applied Developmental Psychology, prospective students should visit this page: <https://www.uab.edu/cas/psychology/graduate/developmental>

Each student in the Applied Developmental Psychology program is encouraged to develop a systematic line of research that complements that of his or her advisor. With intense exposure to an important aspect of developmental research, the student acquires skills that can be generalized to a variety of problems. Students are required to complete a core curriculum which includes 21 hours of Applied Developmental Psychology classes, 15 hours of research design and statistics, 9 hours of general psychology and related discipline classes; 6 hours of teaching practicum and teaching; and at least 48 credit hours of research.

Applied Developmental Psychology students must complete a master's thesis. Admission to candidacy for the doctoral degree is based on satisfactory completion of coursework and completion of an area review in the form of a *Psychological Bulletin* or *Psychological Review* article. The doctoral degree is awarded upon successful defense of the dissertation.

## M.S. in Applied Developmental Psychology

Requirements	Hours
<b>Required Coursework</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>25</b>
PY 619 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Research and the Workplace	
PY 708 Developmental Psychology	
PY 710 Seminar in Lifespan Developmental Psychology	
PY 716 Introduction to Statistics and Measurement & 716L	
PY 717 Applied Statistical Methods & 717L	
PY 719 Multivariate Statistical Methods & 719L	
<b>Thesis Research</b>	<b>6</b>
PY 699 Master's Level Thesis Research	
<b>Elective Options in Developmental Psychology</b> <sup>2</sup>	
Select three from the list below	
PY 683 Developmental Disabilities	
PY 711 Seminar in Cognitive Development	
PY 712 Seminar in Social Development	
PY 713 Seminar in Language Development	
PY 734 Applied Developmental Psychology	
PY 764 Cognitive Assessment: Child and Adult	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>31</b>

<sup>1</sup> Individual course requirements may be waived based on evaluation of coursework completed prior to matriculation, either at UAB or elsewhere. If a course requirement is waived, then the credit hours must be replaced by approved electives or by coursework required for the doctoral degree in Applied Developmental Psychology. Course waivers may not exceed half of the required credit hours across the master's and doctoral degrees in Applied Developmental Psychology;

research and practicum hours are not included in this computation. No course may satisfy requirements for both the master's in Applied Developmental Psychology and another degree, whether completed at UAB or elsewhere.

<sup>2</sup> Other courses may be considered with Program Director approval.

## Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Psychology

Requirements	Hours
<b>Required Coursework</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	
PY 708 Developmental Psychology	3
PY 718 Advanced Research Design	3
PY 729 Seminar in Adolescent Development	3
PY 785 Psychology of Aging	3
PY 796 Practicum in the Teaching of Psychology	6
GRD 717 Principles of Scientific Integrity	3
<b>Doctoral Research</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>24</b>
PY 798 Predoctoral Degree Graduate Research	
PY 799 Doctoral Dissertation Research	
<b>Select one from the following</b>	<b>3</b>
PY 746 Structural Equation Modeling	
PY 727 Longitudinal Data Analysis Laboratory	
<b>Select two courses from the following</b>	<b>6</b>
PY 704 Social Psychology	
PY 720 Human Neuropsychology	
PY 731 Health Psychology	
PY 742 Sport Psychology	
PY 788 Pediatric Psychology	
PY 795 Community Practicum in Psychology	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>54</b>

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<sup>2</sup> At least 24 hours must be completed prior to admission to candidacy. Remaining hours must include at least 15 hours of graduate-level Psychology coursework. PY 798 does not count towards this 15 hour coursework minimum.

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- Students who do not meet the 24-hour minimum in this category due to course waivers can make up the deficit with any combination of the following:
  - Other elective courses approved by the program for this purpose.
  - Up to 3 additional hours of non-dissertation research credits (PY 698, 699, and 798) that were not used to satisfy requirements for the master's degree.