Employment in the professional field of psychology requires a graduate degree. Psychologists with advanced degrees have exclusive claim to some professional positions.

The Department of Psychology offers two programs of study leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, one in Clinical Psychology and one in Experimental Psychology. Students applying for the doctoral degree should have the following prerequisites: introductory psychology, quantitative psychology, experimental psychology, history and systems. Abnormal psychology is recommended for students applying to the clinical program.

Students in the doctoral program first work toward a Master of Science degree. In addition to meeting the general requirements of the Graduate College, for completion of the Master of Science, students must also:

1. Complete two semesters of quantitative psychology along with other course credits totaling 30 credit hours.
2. Complete a thesis project, supervised and reviewed by appropriate faculty members.

Following the completion of requirements, the student may be admitted to doctoral status in Clinical Psychology or Experimental Psychology.