The General Psychology program aims to produce well rounded master’s-level psychologists through a strong foundation in methods and content of psychology. In addition, the program allows students to develop their training in one or more subspecialties that they might envision as a professional goal. Some students take this opportunity to “test the waters” of many different specialties such as industrial-organizational psychology, health psychology or quantitative methods. Finally, students may choose between a thesis-track option and an applied- track option. The thesis track involves conducting an independent research project and should be seriously considered by students who intend to do doctoral work. The applied track involves supervised practical experience in an organization or agency setting. This is usually considered by students who wish to incorporate more practical experience in their program. The MA in General Psychology may be completed on a full- or part-time basis.
GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) from an accredited collegiate institution and should have achieved a B average in undergraduate courses. An undergraduate concentration in psychology, including courses in introductory psychology, abnormal psychology, statistics, research methods, and history and systems in psychology, is desirable. Official scores for the General GRE (Graduate Record Examination) and the Psychology Subject GRE Examination are required.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admissions review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be sent to the Graduate Office at the following address: Center for Adult and Graduate Academic Services, CC231; University of Hartford; 200 Bloomfield Avenue; West Hartford, CT 06117.

The following items are required:

• An application
• A non-refundable application fee of $50 make check payable to the University of Hartford
• Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework forwarded to the University of Hartford
• A letter of intent as specified in the application form
• 3 letters of recommendation
• Application for assistantship (if applying for an assistantship)
• Official results of the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. Visit: www.ets.org
• Official results of the Psychology Subject GRE exam forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. Visit: www.ets.org

International Applicants

• Transcript evaluation – transcript must be evaluated by the World Evaluation Services/ WES. Visit: www.wes.org. The evaluation at a minimum should indicate that the student has completed the equivalent of four-year bachelor’s degree at a U.S. regionally accredited institution. The $45.00 application fee will be waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.
• Guarantor’s Statement – a certified Guarantor’s Statement of financial support is required. You may download the Guarantor’s Statement at: www.hartford.edu/graduate/int.

DEADLINES AND DATES

Admissions into the General Psychology program can occur for the Fall and Spring semesters. Applications for the fall semester have a priority deadline date of February 15. Applications completed after June 1 will not be reviewed. Applications for the spring semester must be completed by Nov 1. The admissions committee will review complete applications in the order in which they are received.
COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

Graduate students in the General Psychology program are charged the per-credit-hour rate. The 2012-13 academic year per-credit-hour rate for courses in the General Psychology program is $470.

International students who hold F-1 visas are required to attend as full-time students (minimum of 9 credits per semester). The 2012-13 academic year cost (full-time tuition and fees) for international graduate students in General Psychology program is $8,070 per year. This is estimated and based on the minimum full-time cost for tuition and fees for the fall and spring semesters.

FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Financial Aid

Financial assistance for graduate and professional students through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance at the University of Hartford is limited to the Federal Family Education Loan and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education. The academic year includes summer, fall, and spring.

There are three items which students must satisfy in order to be eligible for financial aid:

- Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program
- Be registered for at least six credits a semester, except during Summerterm, which contains six-week sessions. You may satisfy the six credit requirement during Summerterm by taking six credits during one session or by taking three credits each session.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, call 800.947.4303 or email finaid@hartford.edu

International Financial Aid

Financial Aid for international graduate students is currently limited to graduate assistantships. These assistantships are administered by the individual departments throughout the University and vary in size and availability.

Assistantships and Fellowships

Students are encouraged to contact the Graduate Program Director of their respective school or college at the University of Hartford regarding the availability of assistantships or fellowships in their specific program of study. Please note that assistantships, fellowships or other support a student receives as a result of their enrollment may impact Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.
PROGRAMS OF STUDY

All students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 33 credits with a grade point average of at least 3.00, in the course requirements below, and should have no more than two grades below B-.

**Thesis Track:** The Thesis Track requires nine courses (27 credit hours) plus a six credit thesis. This option should be seriously considered by students who intend to continue on for doctoral work.

**Applied Track:** The Applied Track requires nine courses (27 credit hours) plus two practicum courses (6 credit hours). This option is provided for those students who wish to incorporate more practical experience in their program.

**CORE COURSES [5 COURSES/ 15 CREDITS]**

- PSY 510 Experimental Design
- PSY 581 Advanced Research Methods

Select Three from the following:

- PSY 520 Learning: Principles, Theories and Applications
- PSY 521 Physiological Psychology
- PSY 552 Social Psychology
- PSY 560 Life Span Development

**ELECTIVE COURSES [4 COURSES/ 12 CREDITS]**

- PSY 523 Health Psychology
- PSY 525 Multicultural Issues
- PSY 527 Substance Use and Abuse
- PSY 530 Career Development
- PSY 535 Introduction to Organizational Behavior
- PSY 554 Community Psychology
- PSY 555 Personnel Psychology
- PSY 557 Stress: Causes, Consequences, and Management
- PSY 569 Theories of Personality
- PSY 571 Introduction to Neuroanatomy

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

The Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office at gradstudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768-4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information about the General Psychology program please contact the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Caryn Christensen, at 860.768.5168 or email christens@hartford.edu

Program website: click here

Up coming open house dates:

**AUGUST 28, 2012**
**JANUARY 15, 2013**

To make a reservation, click here.