

UC Irvine Post-Baccalaureate Program in Psychological Science



The UC Irvine Post-Baccalaureate Program in Psychological Science is a certificate program that combines psychology coursework with research and/or internship experience.

Our post-bacc program is designed for people who: 1) Have a bachelor's degree (in any discipline) and 2) Are interested in a psychology-related graduate program, career development, or career change and 3) Could benefit from additional coursework, research and/ or hands-on work experience in psychology. Those interested in a doctoral-level or master's degree programs in a range of areas of psychology (including clinical/counseling psychology, social/personality psychology, developmental psychology, health psychology, psychology & the law, and school psychology) or health (e.g., public health, medical school) can strengthen their graduate school applications by completing our program, which offers an individualized course of study based on each person's qualifications and goals. Students who have completed our program have been accepted to a wide variety of graduate programs, including Ph.D. programs at UC Berkeley, the University of Pennsylvania, UCLA, and UT Austin; Psy.D. programs at Xavier University, Baylor University, and Yeshiva University; and Master's programs at the University of Michigan and the University of Southern California.

Program Components

The program consists of eight courses, which may include lower- and upper-division lectures, small seminars (including advanced statistics and research methods), hands-on research lab courses, and/or hands-on internship courses. The program can be completed at the student's own pace, in as little as 9 months or in as many as 24 months, depending upon one's schedule and preferences. A faculty advisor will work closely with students to help plan courses and provide guidance on obtaining letters of recommendation, choosing graduate programs, writing personal statements, and applying for jobs. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend our weekly departmental colloquia and other special events and to interact with our community of faculty, researchers, and graduate students.

Applications

The application deadline for Fall 2025 is April 15, 2025 for domestic students (February 15, 2025 for international students). For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y4r8r7ye>

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