

UNI Psychology Club - General Notes for Graduate School Applications - October 5, 2009

Typical Items Required by Most Graduate Programs

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| A. Application form | University's web site |
| B. Financial aid form | University's web site |
| C. Biographical Statement | Described on application materials |
| D. Letters of Recommendation (generally at least 3) | Faculty letters (may be sent directly or to you) |
| E. Graduate Record Exam - Basic Test Scores | Sent by ETS, the testing agency |
| F. Transcript | Sent by Registrar of all undergrad schools you attended |

Typical application costs: School application fee (e.g., UNI costs \$30); GRE (\$150); transcript fee (e.g., UNI costs \$15 per copy); Postage (a couple dollars per school).

Timing: If you plan to apply for admission to a program starting in Fall, 2011, you will need to submit all materials by a deadline that varies, likely as early as Dec. 1, 2010, or as late as Feb. 1, 2011. Note that you'll need to sign up for the GRE well in advance (and may want to retake it if you don't do well the first time), and will need to allow about a month to get faculty to write letters and to have GRE scores and transcripts received. Don't wait until the last possible date to apply; in many cases, financial support will be committed early in the season.

GRE (Graduate Record Exam)

Given by previous arrangement at numerous locations, including UNI. The basic exam is required by most grad programs in psychology; some (not UNI) also require the advanced exam in psychology. The basic GRE costs \$150 to take. You will receive separate Analytical, Verbal, and Quantitative scores (the last 2 are often combined). The median score on each subtest is 500, standard deviation 100. Many programs will only consider applicants with scores above a minimum.

The GRE website (where you can read about it, and sign up for it) is <http://www.ets.org>

Questions about taking the GRE at UNI can be directed to Karen Agee in the Academic Learning Center, at 273-6023.

Contact faculty for selected graduate programs at UNI:

M.A. in General Psychology:

Clinical Science Emphasis: Seth Brown (273-6091).

I/O Psychology Emphasis: Adam Butler (273-7293).

Social Psychology Emphasis: Helen Harton (273-2235).

Individualized Study Emphasis: Otto MacLin (273-2373).

M.S.W. (Social Work): Tom Keefe (273-6249).

M.A. in Sociology: Kristin Mack (273-7630).

M.A. in Criminology: Joe Gorton (273-3007).

Ed.S. in School Psychology: Kim Knesting (273-3840).

M.P.P. in Public Policy: Al Hays (273-2910).

M.A. in Mental Health Counseling,

M.A. in School Counseling: Jan Bartlett (273-7979).

Websites of relevance:

UNI Graduate College: <http://www.grad.uni.edu/>

UNI Registrar: <http://www.uni.edu/registrar/index.shtml>

GRE (Graduate Record Exam): <http://www.ets.org>

American Psychological Association Graduate Education site: <http://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/>

APA "Graduate Study in Psychology" publication: <http://www.apa.org/gradstudy/>