

PhD in
Psychology

On Campus

Welcome to UoL!

Education with Vision, Research with Impact!

The University of Limassol (UoL) is a modern, international university committed to academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful engagement with society and industry. Building on the educational legacy of CIIM, UoL fosters an environment in which knowledge, collaboration, critical inquiry, and initiative can flourish.

Through forward-looking academic programmes, research with practical and societal impact, and dedicated support throughout the student journey, UoL equips graduates with the knowledge, skills, and adaptability required to respond to the opportunities and challenges of a changing world.



Limassol: A Gateway to Opportunity

Limassol is an international and outward-looking city where entrepreneurship, shipping, technology, and financial services converge to create a dynamic professional environment. Its diverse international business community offers valuable opportunities for industry engagement, networking, applied learning, and professional development.

At UoL, engagement with the city and industry forms an integral part of the educational experience. Students benefit from an ecosystem that connects academic knowledge with professional practice and future career opportunities.



A Vision for a Sustainable Future

The University of Limassol's new campus is being designed as an open, contemporary environment that supports teaching, learning, research, and collaboration. With sustainability, technological innovation, and human interaction central to its design, the campus will bring together students, academic staff, professionals, and the wider community.

More than an infrastructure project, the new campus represents a long-term investment in the future of higher education and the development of a vibrant academic community with a lasting contribution to Limassol, Cyprus, and beyond.



Ever Evolving



“Ever Evolving” encapsulates UoL’s approach to higher education: a commitment to curiosity, adaptability, and continuous improvement. UoL continually develops its academic programmes, research activities, and partnerships to respond to the evolving needs of students, society, and the wider global environment.

For UoL, evolution means more than change. It reflects a commitment to advancing knowledge, preparing graduates for professional success, and generating a positive and lasting impact on society.

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Program Overview

The **PhD in Psychology** is an intensive research programme designed to attract doctoral-level students with exceptional academic potential and to prepare them to excel in psychological research and academic leadership. It represents the highest level of academic achievement in psychology, leading to the development of advanced expertise and original scientific contributions.

The programme is designed according to the highest standards of quality and is aligned with Level 8 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). Through the programme, doctoral candidates develop the ability to conduct rigorous, ethical, and publishable research, contributing to the advancement of psychological science in Cyprus and internationally.

The PhD in Psychology focuses on the systematic study of human behaviour, cognition, emotion, and social functioning, aiming to produce graduates who can generate new knowledge, address contemporary scientific challenges, and contribute to evidence-based practice.

During the initial phase of the programme, candidates develop advanced research skills through structured doctoral coursework, including research methodology, scientific writing, and ethical research conduct. In the subsequent phase, candidates complete an in-depth research project and write a dissertation of academic quality suitable for publication, under structured supervision.

The programme can be completed in a minimum of 6 semesters and a maximum of 12 semesters, from the date of enrolment.

The program is nationally accredited by **CYQAA** and recognized by **KYSATS**.

Language of Instruction: English

Mode of Delivery: On Campus

Admissions Requirements

Applicants are expected to hold:

- A Master's degree, i.e. an MA or MSc in any field of Psychology or a related field, from a recognised accredited programme and a reputable institution, with a strong academic record in a major field of study and background relevant to the proposed graduate-level studies with a GPA of 80% or equivalent. Exceptionally qualified candidates with bachelor honors programs may be admitted upon approval from the Ph.D. Faculty Committee.
- Strong quantitative and/or computational skills to allow competent research and analysis appropriate for the selected field of study, evidenced by relevant educational background.
- Three (3) reference letters from professors and/or practitioners familiar with the candidate and his/her academic performance.
- A statement of purpose; a one-page letter explaining the applicant's academic background, career aspirations, and program fit.

The application should include a preliminary research proposal, of about 1500 words, that describes the candidate's proposed research topic including:

- The research questions and their significance
- The proposed research methodology
- The key literature on the research topic
- A prospective timetable for completing the Ph.D.

A successful hour-long interview with the Ph.D. Faculty Committee which includes:

- the Program Director
- the prospective doctoral thesis' lead supervisor
- a faculty member in the applicant's field of study
- a faculty member specializing in Quantitative/Qualitative Research Methods
- a faculty member from the department of Psychology or, if relevant, from another department with expertise related to the proposed research topic

Supervisor Declaration

- During the application process, candidates must declare more than one professor from the Department of Psychology with whom they are interested in conducting their thesis research. These preferences will be reviewed and discussed during the interview stage with the Ph.D. Faculty Committee.
- Declared preferences will not guarantee assignment but will serve as input for matching candidates with appropriate supervisors based on expertise, workload, and alignment with the proposed research.

Native speaker of English or graduate of a high school or University where the language of instruction is English, or IELTS with a score 6.5 or above or TOEFL paper-based test 600, computer-based test 250, internet-based test 100.

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Program Requirements

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a tool of the European Higher Education Area that enhances transparency of studies and supports student mobility and recognition of qualifications.

To graduate, students must successfully complete a total of 180 ECTS, as follows:

- Earn 80 ECTS from core doctoral courses
- Earn 15 ECTS from an approved Thesis Proposal
- Earn 85 ECTS from the completed, defended, and approved doctoral dissertation

The programme duration ranges from a minimum of 6 semesters to a maximum of 12 semesters, depending on the regulations and the student's progression.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, graduates will be able to:

- Master theories and methods at the frontier of knowledge in their chosen area of psychological research.
- Design and conduct original, independent, and rigorous research with high levels of scientific integrity and ethics.
- Apply advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies to collect, analyse, interpret, and evaluate psychological data.
- Demonstrate excellence in critical thinking, academic writing, and scientific argumentation, producing publishable research outputs.
- Communicate and disseminate research findings effectively through conferences, peer-reviewed journals, and academic/professional audiences.
- Contribute meaningfully to the advancement of knowledge in psychology and to evidence-based applications in society and professional contexts.

Program Requirements

Core Courses

Year 1 – Fall Semester

Hours

ECTS

PSY801	Epistemology, Scientific Method, & Research Ethics in Psychology	36	10
PSY802	Theoretical Foundations of Psychological Research	36	10
PSY803	Statistical Analysis & Advanced Quantitative Methods in Psychology	36	15

Year 1 – Spring Semester

PSY804	Advanced Topics in Psychological Research	36	10
PSY805	Academic Research Design, Writing, & Dissemination	36	10
PSY806	Advanced Qualitative Methods & Analysis in Psychological Research	36	15

Year 2 – Fall Semester

PSY807	Scientific Programming	36	10
PSY808	Dissertation Proposal Writing, Presentation & Approval		15

Year 2 – Spring Semester

PSY809	Dissertation Research: Literature Review & Methodology	-	15
PSY810	Dissertation Research: Data Collection & Analysis	-	15

Year 3 – Fall Semester

PSY811	Findings & Interpretation	-	10
PSY812	Workshop Presentation & Feedback	36	10
PSY813	Dissertation Drafting	-	10

Year 3 – Spring Semester

PSY814	Final Draft Writing & Submission	-	15
PSY815	Presentation, Defense & Approval	-	10

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