



# Graduate Studies in Psychology

(& related areas/ professional programs)

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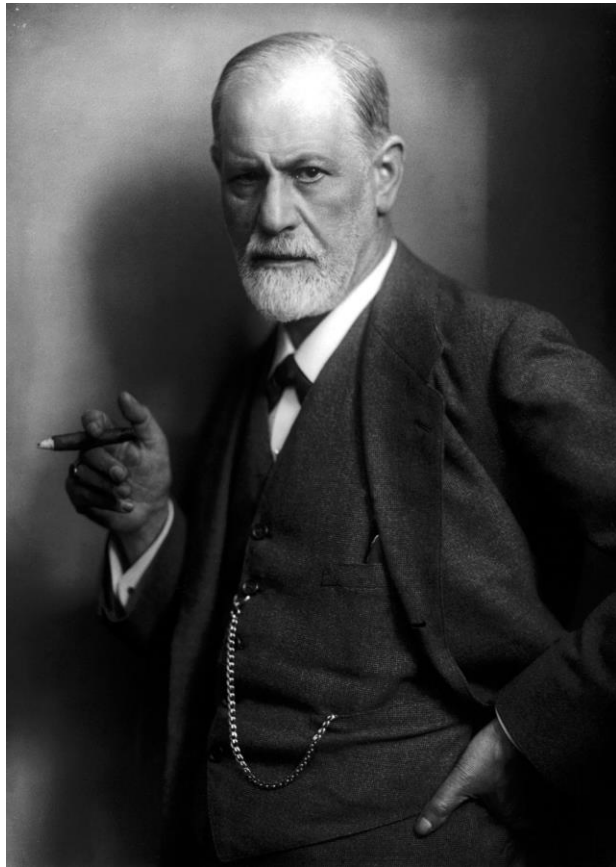
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# Reality (UC Berkeley)!!!!

2017	Behavioral and Systems Neuroscience	Clinical Science	Cognition	Cognitive Neuroscience	Developmental	Social-Personality	All
Applications	7	216	39	39	42	143	486
Admission Offers	0	6	2	8	5	8	29
Incoming Class	0	4	0	3	2	5	14



# Admission Statistics – Canada

(CPA, 2009)

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- Experimental: 5 to 40% (M = 24%)
- Clinical: 0.74 to 17% (M = 9%)
- Counselling: 8 to 27% (M = 21%)



# Admission Statistics – US

(Norcross, et al., 2010; Norcross et al., 2003)

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- Experimental:  $M = 37.6\%$
- Clinical:
  - Practice-oriented:  $M = 16\%$
  - Research-oriented:  $M = 7\%$
  - Psy.D:  $M = 26$  to  $50\%$



# Agenda

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- Who should attend?
- Types of programs offered
- Admission requirements
- Financial assistance
- How to prepare
- Resources
- Questions



# Who should attend?

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- You love learning
- You can work independently and be self motivated
- You seek a professional career
- You are willing to sacrifice and delay payoff
- You are willing to put your studies/career first
- You can conform and accept constructive criticism





# Types of programs offered:

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- Ph.D. in psychology (counseling/clinical)
- Ph.D. in psychology (research)
- Psy.D.
- M.A. in psychology/ other areas
- Professional Masters degrees (education, social work, OT, PT, Audiology, SLP)
- Professional programs (Medicine/Law)



# Financial assistance

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- Scholarships (OGS, NSERC, SSHRC etc.)
- Grants from supervisors
- Teaching assistantships
- Guaranteed funding packages
- Personal and family finances
- Loans



# How to prepare

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- Figure out what you want to do
- Research admission requirements
- Select Programs and courses accordingly



# Admission requirements

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- Course choices
- GPA
- Admission tests GRE/LSAT/MCAT etc
- Letters of reference
- Experience (research and/or applied)
- Take seminars and get to know your professors



# Resources

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- [University websites](#)
- [Directories of graduate programs](#)
- [Admission statistics](#)
- [APA Guide](#)
- [Canadian Guide](#)
- Information sessions and career fairs
- Academic advising
- Career centre
- Professors and TAs



# Questions

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- My grades are too low; will I get in?
- What else can I do if I don't get in?
- Should I stay for an extra year?
- How many schools should I apply to?
- I'm sick of school. Should I take a year off?
- I'm interested in many things; I'm not sure what I want to do.
- My family is putting on me pressure to graduate and get a job but I want to stay in school.
- Should I contact potential supervisors?



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