

Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology Undergraduate Competency Requirements

To ensure a broad scientific foundation in general psychology, graduate students must complete a review of a set of undergraduate competency requirements (UCRs) at the time they enroll in our Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology. If this review reveals that one or more UCRs are lacking, a plan for coursework to cover the lacking background in the general psychology must be developed and these course/s must then be completed before graduation at the Masters degree level. These UCR requirements are overlapping with, but slightly different than the general departmental undergraduate competency requirements. These requirements are also prescribed by CPA and APA accreditation standards and play an important role in becoming registered or licensed as professional psychologists following the completion of the Ph.D.

The wide range of courses offered within our Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology can easily provide coverage in these general psychology areas at the graduate level, but planning ahead may help you to make the best possible course selections. Whenever possible it is to the student's advantage to take a graduate course rather than an undergraduate course in order to fulfill a lacking UCR area. The conditions under which this may not be possible is when the graduate course offerings available to fulfill a specific missing UCR requirement for an individual student may be too challenging without the preparation of an upper-level undergraduate course in that area. Consultation with your supervisor and clinical program advisor will help you to decide what options might be best for you.

Regarding the UCRs, students must have received a first class grade (A- or better) in a 3rd or 4th year level undergraduate course in each of 4 areas of psychology. Courses can be half or full year courses, but there must be a *minimum* of 1.5 units in each area, or 6 units total. On the actual "Verification of Undergraduate Competency Requirements" form issued to your supervisors and copied below, you will need to document the details of courses taken to cover each of these four areas as well as specific plans for how unmet requirements will be completed. It is useful to think ahead about how the 3rd and 4th year undergraduate courses you have taken might fulfill the UCRs. When you arrive on campus, please set up an appointment with your supervisor and clinical program advisor (only in the case where your supervisor is not a clinical faculty member and, therefore, you have also been assigned a clinical program advisor) to complete the full UCR review. Bring two copies of your complete undergraduate transcript to this meeting, as one set will be attached to the UCR form you complete together.

Student Name & V00#: _____

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY:
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Biological Bases of Behaviour (e.g., physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, psychopharmacology)

Courses Taken (Course Title & Number)	Year/Semester Taken	Institution Where Course Taken	Grade (%)	Units

If UCR not complete, list name, number of U Vic course to be taken and when:

Cognitive Bases of Behaviour (e.g., learning, sensation, perception, cognition, thinking, motivation, emotion)

Courses Taken (Course Title & Number)	Year/Semester Taken	Institution Where Course Taken	Grade (%)	Units

If UCR not complete, list name, number of U Vic course to be taken and when:

Social Bases of Behaviour (social psychology, cultural, ethnic & group processes; sex roles; organizational & systems theory)

Courses Taken (Course Title & Number)	Year/Semester Taken	Institution Where Course Taken	Grade (%)	Units

If UCR not complete, list name, number of U Vic course to be taken and when:

Individual Differences (personality theory, human development, individual differences, abnormal psychology)

Courses Taken (Course Title & Number)	Year/Semester Taken	Institution Where Course Taken	Grade (%)	Units

If UCR not complete, list name, number of U Vic course to be taken and when:

STUDENT	Name: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____
SUPERVISOR	Name: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____
CLIN PROG ADVISOR*	Name: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____
DIR CL TRAINING	Name: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____
GRAD ADVISOR	Name: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____

* Applicable only if your supervisor is not a clinical faculty member.

A copy of the UG transcript with relevant courses highlighted must be attached to this form!