

Courses Preferred by Graduate Schools

Percent of Programs Listing Course

Course	1982 Data*	1993 Data@
Statistics	90.6	90.4
Research/Experimental	77.0	74.1
Abnormal	29.7	44.1
Personality	28.2	37.9
Developmental	20.6	33.5
Learning	25.9	32.2
Social	13.1	27.0
Physiological	15.2	24.3
Testing	18.6	23.4
History	10.8	17.2
Cognitive	<5.0	8.8
Perception	7.6	7.9
Child Development	7.9	5.6

*Data from Smith (1985); 343 programs listed courses

@Data from Lawson (1995); 478 programs listed courses

Required and Recommended Psychology Courses for Admission into 108 APA-Accredited Clinical Doctoral Programs

Psychology Course	Required	Recommended	Either required or recommended
Statistics	65	29	94
Experimental methods/research design	48	19	68
Abnormal/psychopathology	29	22	51
Physiological/biopsychology	10	23	33
Learning/cognition	10	19	30
Personality	15	13	28
Child/developmental	11	13	24
Social psychology	7	16	23
History and systems	6	9	16
Tests and measures/psych testing	6	8	15
Laboratory course	6	5	11
Sensation and perception	3	2	5
Computers	1	3	4
Clinical/psychotherapy	1	1	2
Comparative	1	1	2
Motivation and emotion	1	1	2
Neuropsychology	1	0	1

Data from Mayne, Norcross, & Sayette (1994), pp. 807-808.