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III. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to George Mason University's Industrial Organizational Psychology Program. The faculty looks forward to a rewarding professional association with you during this important portion of your career.

Professional psychology involves the responsible use and practice of psychological knowledge in the solution of people-related problems in settings of many kinds. As professionals, our challenge is to enhance psychological knowledge and its practice while we are engaged in improving the world. You are now in the process of joining our community of applied psychologists who teach, consult, and work in a wide variety of settings—the university, government agencies, industries, associations, and private practice. We will also serve as your advisors, mentors, and friends.

Your graduate training will serve as an apprenticeship to provide you with the knowledge and experience that will enable you to move easily and confidently into the world of Industrial Organizational (IO) Psychology work whether in an academic setting, an applied setting, or a research setting. During this apprenticeship, you will have opportunities to develop through coursework and various research experiences. You will advance through core psychology courses, advanced quantitative and specialized content courses. Along the way you will have research and practical experiences inside and outside the university that will provide valuable introductions to the world of applied psychology, its challenges and opportunities.

You will be examined at various points to assess your progress and determine whether you are ready for the next steps in the journey toward full professional competence. A satisfactory grade in each of the core courses serves to qualify you for continuation in the program. In addition, doctoral students will take a comprehensive examination based upon advanced knowledge in their areas of specialization, approximately mid-way through the program.

Satisfactory progress in our graduate programs isn't just a matter of doing well in coursework. The biggest difference you will note between our masters and doctoral programs and your previous academic work is the breadth and depth of understanding expected regarding the material in courses (both theoretical and empirical literatures) and the amount of time you are expected to devote to research not associated with any formal coursework. Our program doesn't exist just to pass on existing knowledge; we are dedicated to expanding the knowledge base of our field and enthusiastically welcome your contributions to this endeavor.

To ensure that doctoral students develop the necessary skills, you will participate with a faculty research team from your very first semester in the program. In addition, you will be required to submit a first-authored paper to a scientific journal prior to taking comprehensive exams (see Research Submission Requirement, Section IX). These experiences will help prepare you for the development, conduct, and defense of your dissertation - the capstone (and final step!) of your doctoral degree. Masters students are encouraged to also participate in a faculty research team, but this is not required.

Upon fulfilling all requirements, you are awarded either a Master of Arts with a concentration in Industrial Organizational Psychology or the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, symbolizing the completion of a comprehensive, scientist-practitioner program designed to develop a fully capable and responsible applied psychologist. The journey may be long and challenging, but we hope that you will find it exciting and immensely fulfilling.

IV. COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES GRADUATE POLICIES

These policies apply to all graduate students within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS). For more specific information on your individual program, please read further on in this handbook.

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) is composed of 11 departments and 10 major interdisciplinary programs. The college is also home to New Century College, which offers an innovative interdisciplinary major as well as Mason Cornerstones, a first-year program for students in all majors, and Technology Across the Curriculum, which promotes the use of technology to enhance learning in all courses and disciplines. Together with the College of Science, the college administers the university-wide Honors Program in General Education, the academic program of the Honors College. This is open to qualified students from all majors in the university. The college has a distinguished faculty of more than 400, including a Nobel laureate and recipients of the Pulitzer Prize and Guggenheim Fellowship.

At the undergraduate level, all programs emphasize challenge, opportunity, and success. They challenge students to think critically and creatively and to go beyond what is required by pursuing research experiences, minors, double majors, honors in the major and accelerated master's degree programs, which enable them to earn both an undergraduate and a graduate degree, often within five years. They provide many opportunities beyond the classroom including study abroad programs, service learning, internships, and career-enhancing courses and minors, all of which will help prepare them for success beyond college.

At the graduate level, programs of study provide opportunities for career development and advancement, professional education, participation in research, and personal fulfillment.

All programs encourage the exploration of contemporary issues through a dynamic curriculum that fosters an informed understanding of real world problems. The college provides students with an education that enables them to think critically, adapt to the changing conditions of society, and provide informed leadership to future generations.

The Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is the governing body for all graduate academic policies and procedures. The council approves all new graduate programs; authorizes all graduate course work, policies, and degrees conferred by the university; and sets minimum standards for admission to and graduation from any graduate program. These are minimum standards that all programs must meet; individual programs may set and enforce higher standards. The Office of the Provost administers university graduate policies for the Graduate Council.

Policies for All Students

George Mason uses only Mason e-mail accounts to communicate with enrolled students. Students should activate their Mason e-mail account, use it to communicate with their department and other administrative units, and check it regularly for important information.

Registration and Degree Audit

Students are responsible for correctly registering for courses and paying all tuition and fees by the official university registration and payment deadlines. Instructors do not have the authority to add students to courses, and students may not sit in on classes for which they are not registered. All students should verify the accuracy of their enrollment before the end of the add period and should check [Patriot Web](#) to verify that they are registered for the classes that they think they are.

All students are responsible for reviewing their own transcripts and degree audits regularly to ensure that they are correct and that they are on track to meet all their requirements.

Transfer of Credit

Graduate credit earned prior to admission to a certificate, master's, or doctoral program may be eligible to be transferred into the program and applied to the certificate or degree. Transfer of credit requires the approval of the program director and dean or director of the school, college, or institute. *Each program/concentration reserves the right to determine whether the credit is eligible for transfer and applicable to the specific certificate or degree program.* Note that credits accepted for transfer do not compute into any Mason GPA. Limits on the number of credits that can be transferred derive from the degree requirements given below.

Credit is usually considered for transfer at the student's request at the time of initial registration as a degree-seeking student. Students must supply official transcripts. For transcripts from outside the United States, students must supply an official transcript evaluation and an official translation for transcripts not in English if these documents were not supplied in the admission process. Credit transfer requests from students who are admitted provisionally are not considered until they have fulfilled the conditions of their admission and the provisional qualifier has been removed from their records.

To be eligible for transfer credit, the credit must be graduate credit earned at another accredited university, earned at another institution and recommended for graduate credit in the American Council on Education guidebook, or earned at Mason while in a nondegree status or enrolled through extended studies. The credit must have been earned within six years prior to first enrollment as an admitted student in the specific certificate or degree program, and a minimum grade of B (3.00) must have been earned. The course must be applicable toward a degree at the institution offering the course. Extension and in-service courses that are not intended by the institution offering the courses to be applied to a degree program are not eligible for transfer credit to Mason. The credits cannot have been previously applied toward a degree at another institution or Mason; however, up to 3 credits previously applied to a degree program at another institution may be transferred into a certificate program at Mason.

Reduction of Credit

The number of credits required by a doctoral, master of fine arts, or master's program of more than 39 credits may be reduced on the basis of a previously earned master's degree. Reduction of credit requires the approval of the program director and the dean or director of the school, college, or institute. *Each program/concentration reserves the right to determine whether the credits are eligible for reduction of credit and applicable to the degree program and the*

number of credits to be reduced. Reduction of credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits in a doctoral program, 20 in an MFA program, and 18 in the MA in psychology concentration in school psychology, and derive from the degree requirements given below.

Students requesting a reduction of credit must supply official transcripts. For transcripts from outside the United States, students must supply an official transcript evaluation and an official translation for transcripts not in English if these documents were not supplied in the admission process. Reduction-of-credit requests from students who are admitted provisionally are not considered until the students have fulfilled the conditions of their admission and had the provisional qualifier removed from their records.

Credits used in reduction of credit are not subject to time limits, and the credits must have been applied to a previous degree. All the other conditions given above for eligibility of transfer of credit apply also to reduction of credits.

Permission to Study Elsewhere

Students enrolled in a degree program may take graduate courses at another accredited institution and apply these credits to a master's or doctoral degree with prior approval. Approval must be secured in writing from the director of the graduate program and the dean or director of the school, college, or institute, and submitted to Mason's Office of the Registrar before registering at the other institution. Upon completion of the course, students must arrange for an official transcript to be submitted to Mason so that the credits may be transferred into their Mason degree program. These credits are subject to all the other conditions given above for transfer credit, including limits on numbers of credits that can be taken elsewhere. Note that credits accepted for transfer do not compute into any Mason GPA. Permission to take a course elsewhere does not exempt a graduate student from satisfying the degree requirements given below.

Enrolled, degree-seeking graduate students may be eligible to take a limited number of courses through the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area. See the University Consortium section in the Registration, Attendance, and Grading chapter of the University Catalog. Credits earned through the consortium are considered resident, not transfer, credits, and are therefore not subject to transfer of credit conditions or limitations.

Washington Consortium of Universities Registration

Eligible students may enroll in courses at any of the institutions in the Consortium of Universities in the Washington Metropolitan area. Students are limited to one consortium course per semester, with a career maximum of 6 credits. To register for a consortium course, students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.00 and be in good academic standing. Students with grades of IN on their record or who earned grades of C or F in the most recent semester are not eligible to register for a consortium course. Students who have received a grade less than 3.00 in a consortium course are not permitted to enroll in additional consortium courses. Newly admitted graduate students are not permitted to enroll in consortium courses during their first semester of graduate study. Students who wish to enroll in consortium courses during their second semester of study must wait until the grades for the previous semester have been posted. More information about the Consortium of Universities can be found in the [Academic Policies](#) chapter.

Graduate Level Grading

University course work is measured in terms of quantity and quality. A credit normally represents one hour per week of lecture or recitation or not fewer than two hours per week of laboratory work throughout a semester. The number of credits is a measure of quantity. The grade is a measure of quality. The University-wide system for grading graduate courses is as follows:

Grade Quality Points Graduate Courses

A+ 4.00 Satisfactory / Passing

A 4.00 Satisfactory / Passing

A- 3.67 Satisfactory / Passing

B+ 3.33 Satisfactory / Passing

B 3.00 Satisfactory / Passing

B- 2.67 Satisfactory* / Passing

C 2.00 Unsatisfactory/Passing

F 0.00 Unsatisfactory / Failing

* Note: Students are advised that, although a B- is a satisfactory grade for a course, they must maintain a 3.0 average in their degree program and present a 3.0 GPA on the courses listed on the graduation application.

Grade Appeals

Grade appeals should be made to the department or program following the process specified in the Academic Policies chapter of the University Catalog. If they are resolved within the department or program, that unit is the final level of appeal. The departmental decision may be appealed to the dean only on the basis of procedural irregularity. Graduate students should address such appeals through the Office Graduate Academic Affairs. If the grade appeal is not resolved within the department or program, the chair makes a recommendation to the dean, who makes the final determination. The decision of the dean is not subject to review or further appeal.

Academic Warning

A notation of academic warning is entered on the transcript of a graduate student who receives a grade of C or F in a graduate course, or while a grade of IN is in effect.

Academic Termination

Student Status	Students may be terminated for any one of the following reasons:
Provisionally admitted degree seeking graduate students	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fail to meet conditions of admission within time limits2. Fail to make satisfactory progress toward the degree, as determined by the academic unit3. Accumulate 12 credits of unsatisfactory grades in undergraduate courses

	<p>4. Accumulate grades of F in two graduate courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses</p> <p>[NOTE: undergraduate and graduate course grades are not combined to reach the termination threshold; they are considered separately.]</p>
Fully admitted graduate students enrolled in degree and/or certificate program	<p>1. Fail to make satisfactory progress toward degree or certificate requirements</p> <p>[NOTE: Fully admitted graduate students who accumulate grades of F in two graduate courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses qualify for dismissal, not termination.]</p>

Although the university will make every effort to notify students when their performance reaches the threshold for termination, each student is responsible for knowing the termination criteria, for knowing when their grades have met the standard and for initiating any appeal to their dean. Once the appeal period has expired, or the student's appeal has been denied, a letter of termination is sent by the dean or director of the school, college, or institute, and notification of academic termination is affixed to the graduate student's official record. Students who are terminated are no longer eligible to take courses in the program, but may apply to another degree program or may apply to take courses in other programs through non-degree studies.

Academic Dismissal

A graduate student is dismissed upon accumulating either grades of F in two courses or nine credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses. These are minimum standards of academic performance; some programs have higher standards. A student may also be dismissed for failure to meet other program requirements such as doctoral competence examinations. The notation of academic dismissal is affixed to the graduate student's official record. A student who is dismissed may not take additional course work at the university.

Graduate Appeals of Dismissal or Termination

All graduate students should be familiar with the university policies on dismissal and termination as stated in the Academic Policies chapter of the University Catalog. Students who meet the criteria for dismissal or termination may submit a written appeal to the Office of Graduate Academic Affairs. Appeals should include all relevant information on the basis for appeal, as well as any appropriate documentation. Appeals of termination and dismissal are reviewed at the beginning of each semester by a faculty committee. The ruling of that committee represents the final decision of the college.

Voluntary Resignation for a Graduate Degree Program

Degree-seeking students may officially resign from their academic program with the approval of their department or program chair and their dean. The Voluntary Resignation form must be approved by the student's program and Student Accounts, then submitted to the Registrar's Office for notation on the transcript. Resignations after the drop period will result in

grades of W on the student's transcript for that semester, and removal from any future registered courses. Program resignation is final. Students who have been granted a resignation will not be able to register for any courses unless admitted to another degree program or nondegree status in a different program.

Full-time Classification of Graduate Students

Graduate students are considered full time if they are enrolled in at least 9 graduate credits per semester or hold a full-time assistantship (20 hours a week) and are enrolled in at least 6 graduate credits per semester.

Master's students may enroll in 1 credit of 799 and be considered full time only if they have completed 3 credits of 799 and the student along with their advisor and department chair certify each semester that the student is working full time on the thesis. See the Master's Thesis section for more information regarding 799.

Doctoral students who are enrolled in dissertation credits (either 998 or 999) are considered full time if they are enrolled in at least 6 credits per semester, regardless of whether they hold an assistantship. Doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy and have completed the minimum number of credits required by the university and their degree program, including the minimum number of credits of 998 and 999, are considered full time if they are registered for at least 1 credit of 999 and the student along with their advisor and department chair certify each semester that they are working full time on the dissertation. See the Dissertation Registration section for more information regarding 998 and 999.

To be considered as full time under the aforementioned clauses, a student must complete and submit the appropriate forms to the Office of the Registrar prior to the first day of classes for the semester.

Note that different criteria for full-time status may apply for tuition, verification, loan deferral, and financial aid. Contact Student Accounts, the Registrar's Office, and Student Financial Aid, respectively, for more information.

Permission to Re-enroll in Graduate Study

Permission to re-enroll in a program must be obtained by all master's and doctoral degree students who have failed to enroll in at least 1 credit of course work for two or more consecutive semesters at Mason. A program may allow a student to petition to graduate under any catalog in effect while the student was enrolled. All program components, including concentrations, must appear in the catalog for the year selected. The final decision as to catalog year rests with the unit dean or director. Forms are available from the Office of the Registrar at registrar.gmu.edu/forms.

Masters and Doctoral Program Time limits

Master's degree students have six years from the time of first enrollment as a degree-seeking student to complete their degrees. Individual master's programs may have stricter time limits, which are published in this catalog. International students attending in F-1 or J-1 status also have more restrictive time limits; contact the Office of International Programs and Services for information. Students who are given permission to re-enroll following an absence from

Mason may not count the six-year time limit as beginning on the date of re-enrollment. Students who will not meet published time limits because of circumstances beyond their control may petition for an extension. Failure to meet the time limits or to secure approval of an extension request may result in termination from the program.

Doctoral students have six years from the time of first enrollment as a degree-seeking student to advance to candidacy. Students have five years from the time of advancement to candidacy to graduation. Individual doctoral programs may have stricter time limits, which are published in this catalog. International students attending in F-1 or J-1 status also have more restrictive limits; contact the Office of International Programs and Services for information. Students who are given permission to re-enroll following an absence from Mason may not count the time limits as beginning on the date of re-enrollment. Students who will not meet published time limits because of circumstances beyond their control may petition for an extension. Failure to meet the time limits or to secure approval of an extension request may result in termination from the program.

V. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Both faculty and students are expected to abide by the ethical code set forth by the American Psychological Association (see <http://www.apa.org/ethics/>). Past literature on ethical problems has generally focused on issues in clinical psychology. However, Division 14 of the American Psychological Association has recently published a casebook particularly appropriate to other areas of psychology, The Ethical Practice of Psychology in Organizations (2nd Ed), Lowman, ed. (2006). This book is available for \$39.95 from American Psychological Association.

Ethical issues are addressed formally in both the Practicum (PSYC 730) and Special Topics in Professional Issues (PSYC 890). However, in order to minimize the possibility of ethical conflicts, students and faculty should familiarize themselves with the previously mentioned documents and not depend solely on classroom discussion of such issues. If you believe an ethical violation may have occurred, discuss this with either your advisor, the Program Director, or write or call the American Psychological Association Ethics Office in Washington, D.C.

Policy on Discrimination

The university does not tolerate discrimination on the basis of age, race, sex, national origin, sexual orientation or religious beliefs. If you believe you have been subject to such discrimination, you should contact the Chair of the Department or the university's affirmative action/equal employment officer as soon as possible.

Policy on Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment by either faculty or students will not be tolerated by the Psychology Department or the university. If you believe you have been subject to sexual harassment, you should contact your advisor, the Chair of the Department or the university's affirmative action/equal employment officer as soon as possible.

VI. THE ADVISOR

An advisor serves a number of functions for students. In conjunction with the student, an advisor helps the student determine the schedule of classes for each semester, answers general questions about the program, and helps guide the student in terms of their specialty and research interests.

An advisor is the first point of contact for any problems that may arise and should be consulted before any program changes are made. An advisor helps the student with practicum placements and should be kept up-to-date on when a student intends to seek a practicum placement and what type of setting is preferred, and may suggest alternate placements when this seems appropriate. In addition, an advisor serves as the route of communication for departmental evaluations of the student's progress in the program. In short, the advisor is the student's advocate and the student should develop a close professional relationship with him/her. For doctoral students, an advisor also helps with the formation of the Dissertation Supervisory Committee.

Since entering students' needs are somewhat different from those of advanced students, an advisor is appointed for those students. All MA students are advised by Dr. Lou Buffardi, MA Program Coordinator, at least initially. For entering doctoral students, this advisor provides an orientation advising session which helps students determine the courses they will take for the first two years of the program. This orientation advising is also designed to familiarize a student with the program and to answer to general questions.

After the student has familiarized him/herself with the program demands and the various areas of expertise of the faculty, he/she may wish to select a new advisor. When the student has identified a faculty member whose specialty and research interests are close to his/her own and who is willing to work with the student, contact the Director of the Program with a request to change advisors. The Program Director will assist the student in this change. The student may also change advisors should his/her research interests change over time. Again, contact the Director of the Program to help with the change of advisors.

Approval to Schedule of Classes

Before enrolling each semester, a student should contact his/her advisor and plan a schedule of classes for that semester. A student may change this schedule of classes; however, the advisor should be immediately notified about the change. Students are expected to take certain classes during their first two semesters in the program. These courses include PSYC 611—Quantitative Methods I during Fall semester and PSYC 612—Research Methods during the Spring semester. Students should begin taking the core courses as soon as possible since these courses must be completed before the comprehensive examination may be taken.

Full-Time and Part-Time Status

The Industrial Organizational Faculty at George Mason University expects doctoral students to be committed to the program on a full-time basis. A full-time academic load consists of 10 hours per semester the 1st year and 6 hours per semester in subsequent years. Masters students may elect to take more credit hours reflecting the lack of requirement to be engaged in

research. This schedule, of course, leaves the summer available to accumulate additional credit hours through coursework or practicum experiences. *At a minimum, students must complete at least credit hours during any academic year including summer sessions.* Failure to comply with this requirement constitutes grounds for a separation of a student from the program.

Students who choose to pursue their masters and doctoral training while employed must recognize that flexibility from their organization is a requirement for participation in the IO graduate program. For both masters and doctoral students, there are academic functions (research team meetings, colloquia, etc.) that are required during daytime hours and students are expected to attend regardless of work schedule.

Annual Evaluation

All doctoral students' academic, professional, and practicum performance is evaluated each year by the Industrial Organizational Faculty. This is optional for masters students. Although students will complete and turn in a summary of activities and accomplishments (see *Graduate Student Annual Report* form on the next pages), it is the responsibility of a student's advisor to present the Industrial Organizational Faculty with a report of the student's progress in these areas.

After completing and returning the annual update form (usually in December of each year), the student meets with his/her advisor to discuss his/her progress and the information that is to be presented to the Industrial Organizational Faculty. This meeting covers the information on the annual update form. The faculty advisor and the student discuss the student's academic performance which includes but may not be limited to the student's progress regarding his/her Program of Study, grades and general verbal and written performance in academic classes with comprehensive readiness as a criterion as well as research accomplishments. The faculty advisor discusses the student's professional development which includes but may not be limited to the student's attendance at departmental functions, the student's general professional attitude, the student's attitude toward peers and faculty, and departmental service which encompasses the student's ability to cooperate with colleagues and faculty in areas service. Should the student be deficient in any of these areas, he/she is informed of this and recommendations to remedy the situation are given the student in writing.

Registration

All students are advised to register as early as possible for each semester's classes. Long before classes begin, the Administration at George Mason reviews the enrollment in each class. If a class does not have sufficient enrollment, it is canceled. This can be very disruptive for a student's program as some classes are offered only once in a three year period. Therefore, the Industrial Organizational Faculty request that you register as soon as possible.

VII. INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY MASTERS PROGRAM

This specialization trains students in the theories and methods of Industrial Organizational Psychology and their application in work settings such as industry or government. Particular expertise can be developed in a variety of areas, including personnel selection, training, management development, motivation, group and intergroup relations, work and family issues, and organizational change and development. Practicum placements use the extensive resources of the local Washington, D.C. area. Most of the hours earned in the M.A. may be applied to the Industrial Organizational concentration in the doctoral program.

Degree Requirements:

1. 32 hours of graduate credits
2. One of: Cognitive: PSYC 701, 759, 766, or 768, OR
Social: PSYC 703
3. Quantitative and Research Methods courses (8 hours)

PSYC 611 – Advanced Statistic Research Methods I
PSYC 612 – Advanced Statistic Research Methods II
4. Specialization Courses (12 hours minimum)

Required: PSYC 636 – Survey of Industrial Psychology
PSYC 639 – Survey of Organizational Psychology

One of: PSYC 557 – Psychometric Methods
PSYC 631 – Industrial and Personnel Testing and Evaluation
PSYC 638 – Training
PSYC 640 – Techniques in Industrial Organizational Psychology
PSYC 733 – Issues in Personnel Psychology
PSYC 592 – Special Topics (check with your advisor to see if the topic qualifies as “industrial”)

One of: PSYC 739 – Seminar in IO Psychology: Leadership
PSYC 741 – The Psychology of Work Motivation
PSYC 667 – Small Group Behavior
PSYC 735 – Psychological Perspectives on Organizational Development
PSYC 592 – Special Topics (check with your advisor to see if the topic qualifies as “organizational”)
5. Electives: Students may choose to take up to 6 hours of practica (contingent on availability) and/or up to 6 hours of thesis research. The Chair’s permission is required for the thesis option and a form is available from the graduate secretary. Alternatively,

students may choose up to 9 hours of electives with up to 6 hours allowed outside the department (see your advisor).

The programs specify some courses which are required in order for students to acquire a specialty in that area. That is, the program requirements narrow some of the choices among courses to ensure that students acquire the necessary expertise in an area.

Conferral of the Master's Degree

The student may be awarded a Master's Degree in Psychology after completing 32 semester hours of graduate credit in Psychology that satisfy MA catalog requirements for the Industrial Organizational specialization programs (see current Catalog).

Thesis Option

A thesis is not required for the MA degree. Up to 6 hours of thesis research (PSYC 798 and PSYC 799 combined) may be used as elective credits. The thesis should demonstrate the student's capacity to carry out independent research. The research project will be closely related to his/her general educational objectives and should provide the student with the opportunity to contribute to knowledge in psychology. The student should begin to think seriously about a thesis problem as soon as possible in his/her graduate career.

The following guidelines are to provide assistance in preparing for thesis deadlines. More specific guidelines may be found in the *Guide for Preparing Graduate Theses, Dissertations, and Projects*. Copies may be obtained from the CHSS Graduate Student Coordinator in College Hall, room C112.

Students working on a thesis proposal enroll in PSYC 798. Students who have an approved proposal and are conducting the research enroll in PSYC 799. Credits earned for Directed Readings will not be converted to thesis credits.

Thesis Advisor and Committee

The thesis advisor works closely with the student in developing and focusing the research problem or question; writing the thesis proposal; collecting, analyzing, and interpreting the data; and writing the final version of the thesis. The thesis advisor will help to choose the members of the Thesis Committee. The list of faculty interests at the end of this handbook may be of assistance in identifying an advisor and/or thesis advisor.

The Thesis Committee consists of three persons, including the thesis advisor. The thesis advisor must be a full-time faculty member in the Industrial and Organizational Psychology program in the Department of Psychology. At least one of the other two members must also be full-time faculty in the Department of Psychology. The task of this group is to provide advice and consultation at all stages of the thesis, particularly in the development of the proposal. The point at which this committee is formed is left to the discretion of the thesis advisor.

An approval to pursue Master's Thesis Form is available at:
<http://mason.gmu.edu/~dwiggin3/ApprovaltoPursueMAThesis.pdf>

Thesis Proposal

The thesis proposal consists of the following:

- Cover sheet—format is found at:
<http://www.gmu.edu/library/specialcollections/dtsamplepages.htm>
- A statement of the major problem or research and supporting problems, not to exceed six double-spaced pages. The proposal should include a very brief review of the literature and the methods proposed to carry out the research.

The thesis proposal must be approved by the thesis committee, the Program Coordinator, and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies. It must then be submitted to the Dean's Office *before* registration for thesis credit (PSYC 799). Six copies of the typewritten thesis proposal should be submitted to the major thesis advisor. These will be forwarded to the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and the Dean via the Graduate Programs Assistant.

Thesis Proposal Presentation

The thesis proposal must be presented to the thesis committee for approval. This presentation is open to anyone who wishes to attend and should therefore be announced to the department. The student should discuss the procedure for this presentation with his/her thesis advisor.

Writing the Thesis

The thesis is to be written to conform to the standards of the American Psychological Association as published in the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Before a draft is submitted to the thesis committee, the student and his/her advisor should have perfected the paper as much as possible in terms of content, grammar, and format. The members of the Thesis Oral Examination Committee should receive a draft in sufficient time for them to read and critique the paper, and for the student to make any necessary revisions prior to the submission deadline. The final draft must be approved by the Thesis Oral Examination Committee, the Area Coordinator, and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, with an original and one approved copy submitted to the Dean by the date announced in the catalog.

Thesis Oral Examination

An oral defense of the final thesis to the Thesis Committee is required. The defense is concerned with the problem, design, method, interpretation, and knowledge in the general area of the thesis. The defense is conducted by the thesis advisor. Successful completion of the defense is reflected by approval of the thesis committee. The defense may be attended by any interested persons; thus, the date should be provided to the Graduate Programs Assistant at least two weeks in advance.

The defense should be conducted no later than three weeks prior to the date specified in the calendar published in the University Catalog for receipt of the final thesis in the College of

Humanities and Social Sciences office. Such scheduling will help assure adequate time for making revisions in the final draft. Scheduling of the date for the exam is the responsibility of both the student and thesis advisor.

VIII. INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The curriculum of the IO Ph.D. program is consistent with the philosophy and content guidelines for doctoral training promulgated by the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology (SIOP), a Division of the American Psychological Association.

Program Requirements

- 3 hours from cognitive core (701, 766, 768) and 3 hours from social core (703, 667, 668)
- 8-hours of quantitative and research methods PSYC 611, 612
- 9-hours of advanced quantitative and specialized methods including 754, and at least two more courses from the following 756, 557, 633, 652, 755, 654, 892 SEM/Meta-analysis
- 18 hours of specialized content: PSYC636 and 639; at least 3 hours from PSYC631, 638, 733, 736, or 592/892 AND at least 3 hours from PSYC 667, 735, 739, 741, or 592/892. The remaining 6 hours of required specialized content can come from any of the aforementioned courses.
- 3-hours of special topics in professional issues: PSYC 890
- 12-hours of dissertation proposal (PSYC 998) and dissertation (PSYC 999)
- 9-hours of electives**
- 6-hours of practica (PSYC 730) and/or directed readings (PSYC 897)

*Students should consult their advisor about which specific course to take.

**See attached list of potential elective courses.

Typical Curriculum for Industrial Organizational Psychology

1st semester

636 Survey of Industrial (3)
611 Adv Stat I (4)
Psyc Core (3)
890 Professional Seminar (1)

Summer

730 Practicum (3)

3rd semester

754 Regression (3)
739/741 Ldrshp/Motiv (3)
890 Professional Seminar (1)

Summer

730 Practicum (3)

5th semester

741/739 Motiv/Ldrshp (3)

2nd semester

639 Survey of Org. Processes (3)
612 Adv. Stat II (4)
631/638 Selection/Training (3)

4th semester

557/756 Psychometrics/Mltivr (3)
638/631 Training/Selection (3)

6th semester

756/557 Multivar/Psychometr (3)

xxx Psyc Core/ (3)
890 Professional Seminar (1)

xxx Psyc Core (3)

Summer—Comprehensive Exams

7th semester

xxx Psyc Core (3)
xxx Elective (3)
998 Diss Proposal (3)

8th semester

xxx Elective (3)
xxx Elective (3)
999 Dissert (3)

9th semester

999 Dissertation (6)

Doctoral Program Benchmarks

1. Orientation Advising Fall of First Year
2. Decide on Program of Study End of Second Year
3. Submit (Co-)Authored Paper to Scientific Journal or Conference End of Second Year
4. Submit First-Authored Paper to Scientific Journal Spring of Third Year
5. Set Date for Comprehensive Examination Spring of Third Year
6. Receive Results of Comprehensive Examinations Fall of Fourth Year
7. Notify Program Director of Comprehensive Examination Results Fall of Fourth Year
8. Receive Notification of Advancement to Candidacy Fall of Fourth Year
9. Form Doctoral Supervisory Committee Fall of Fourth Year
10. Receive Approval of Dissertation Proposal
11. Proposal sent to College Dean
12. Dissertation Defense
13. Award of the Doctorate

Examples of Classes That May Be Taken Outside the Department for the IO Programs

PUAD 502	Administration in Public and Non Profit Organization		
BIOL 745	Environmental Toxicology		
COMM 501	Communication in Professional Relationships	PUAD 620	Organization Theory and Management Behavior
COMM 506	Communication in International Organizations	PUAD 621	Principles and Practice in Government Organization & Management
COMM 530	Theories in Small Group Communication	PUAD 640	Public Policy Process
COMM 535	Organizational Communication	PUAD 670	Personnel Administration in the Public Sector
COMM 536	Communication Consulting		
CS 580	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	PUAD 671	Public Employee Labor Relations
CONF 713	Laboratory and Simulation in Conflict Processes I	PUAD 729	Issues in Public Management
DESC 435	Computer Simulation	PUAD 749	Issues in Public Policy
MKTG 725	Marketing Research	SOCI 599	Issues in Sociology
MKTG 726	Advanced Consumer Behavior	SOCI 604	Sociology of Occupations and Professions
MGMT 711	Organization Theory	SOCI 611	Classical Socialization Theory
MGMT 721	Seminar in Personnel Administration	SOCI 612	Contemporary Socialization Theory
MGMT 751	Small Business Ventures and the Entrepreneur	SOCI 621	Human Ecology and the City
MGMT 791	Seminar in Current Management Problems	SOCI 632	Evaluation Research for Social Program
OR 671	Judgment and Choice Processing and Decision Making	SOCI 686	Sociology of Aging
STAT 658	Time Series Analysis and Forecasting	STAT 657	Nonparametric Statistics

Evaluation Form

(All Doctoral students must complete the form by (date); this is optional for masters students. Electronic copies should be sent to your advisor and the **Director of the IO Program**).

**Industrial Organizational Psychology Program
George Mason University
Graduate Student Annual Report
For Calendar Year _____**

Name _____ Date _____

Year entered program _____ Advisor _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this report to the best of your abilities, keep a copy for yourself, and send one copy to your advisor and one copy to Lois Tetrick by February 10, 2008. Note that not all items will apply to every student; use "N/A" if an item does not apply to you. Attach a copy of your vita to this report.

1. Statement of current research interests.

2. Research activities, excluding thesis and dissertation (including a. description of projects worked on; b. which research group or person you worked with; c. your responsibilities in the project; d. status of work products such as pilot work, data collection, and analysis; plans for subsequent research):

a. Project Title	b. Collaborators	c. Responsibilities	d. Status of Work Products	e. Plans for Subsequent Research

3. The single scientific idea or research result that excited you the most during the last year.

Scientific Idea/ Research Results

4. Manuscripts submitted to journals and papers published (including technical reports and chapters). Provide full citation in APA style indicating for those manuscripts which have not yet been accepted whether it is under review, revise and resubmit, rejected and not yet resubmitted, in press.

Manuscripts/Papers Submitted APA Style full Citation	Status Forthcoming, Submitted, Under Review, Revise and Resubmit, Revising for Another Journal, In Press, Published

5. Conference submissions (including papers submitted to conferences and actual program participation). For each submission, please provide the full citation in APA style indicating whether it was submitted, accepted, or still under review.

Submission APA Style full Citation including all authors	Status Submitted, Under Review, Accepted

6. Conferences attended without presentations or other program participation.

Conferences attended

7. Membership in scientific/professional societies:

Scientific/Professional Society

8. Attendance at colloquia (List colloquia series attended and characterize your attendance as regular, sporadic, or none.):

Colloquia series	Attendance (regular, sporadic)	Presented (individually, panel)
GMU IO Brown Bag		
CARMA Webcasts		
Metro PTC		
Other (please specify)		

9. Courses taken during past calendar year (course number, title, instructor, credit hours and grade, by semester. Include a sentence on the topic if the course is an advanced seminar or is outside of the area:

Semester	Course Number	Title	Instructor	Credit Hours	Grade

10. Date of **comprehensive examination** (actual or projected and if completed, result of exam):

Date of Comp Exam	Actual/Projected	Result

11. Status of dissertation (including work preliminary to dissertation, dates of projected completion):

Dissertation Title/Topic	Chair	Committee Members

Status of Dissertation	Date or Anticipated Completion Date
Initial Draft of Proposal	
Proposal Defense	
Proposal Approved by CHSS	
Data Collection	
Complete Draft of Dissertation	
Final Defense	

12. Practica, Field Projects, Consulting Projects, and Source of support by semester, for past calendar year. Describe level of commitment (e.g., 20 hours week) and activities in position, if appropriate:

Hours per Week	Organization	Supervisor	Activities
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Cont.	Work Product	Content and/or Process Skills Acquired
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

13. Service activities (area projects or committees, Departmental committees, off campus activities, professional activities, etc.):

Committee	Responsibilities	Time Commitment per Week

14. Self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses (including content areas and research skills, assessed with regard to time in program):

Strengths
Weaknesses

15. Goals for the next calendar year (skills to be acquired, activities planned, outcomes anticipated):

Skills to be acquired:
Activities planned:
Outcomes anticipated:

16. Future career plans (e.g., applied research, academic appointment, consulting, corporate staff position, government agency, military):

Future career plans
Characteristics of your "ideal" job

Program of Study (POS)

****Doctoral Students Only****

What is a Program of Study

A Program of Study is a projection of all of the courses that you intend to take to complete the requirements for the doctoral degree. This projection includes the tentative dates for taking the courses and the anticipated date of the comprehensive examination. If you have taken coursework elsewhere, transfer of credit must be arranged.

How to Determine the Program of Study

The student should meet with the advisor sometime during the second year but no later than the end of the second year with the intention of determining the Program of Study.

Submission of the Program of Study

After the Program of Study is determined by the student and advisor, the Program of Study Form is completed. Before the student obtains signatures, they are encouraged to submit an electronic copy to the Graduate Programs Assistant for evaluation. The POS is then signed by the advisor and forwarded to the Program Director. The Program Director presents it to the IO faculty, if approved, signs and forwards the Program of Study to the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and to the Dean of CHSS for approval. Students are encouraged to keep both an electronic and hard-copy of their POS for their records.

Making a Change in the Program of Study

Should a student wish to make some change in the Program of Study after it has been submitted to the Dean, he/she must consult with and gain written approval from the advisor, program director, and the dean. A copy of the addendum will be placed in the student's file.

PROGRAM OF STUDY FORM INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
2010-2011

Date: _____
 Name: _____ G#: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____

Proposed Date of Comprehensive Examination: _____

CONTENT COURSES		
<u>SIX HOURS OF CORE CLASSES:</u>		
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE (As it appears on your transcript)	SEMESTER
Select One: 701, 766, 768		
Select One: 703, 667, 668		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
<u>EIGHT HOURS OF QUANTITATIVE/RESEARCH METHODS:</u>		
PSYC 611		
PSYC 612		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
<u>AT LEAST NINE HOURS OF ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE & RESEARCH METHODS:</u>		
PSYC 754		
	At least two more courses from those listed below	
PSYC 557		
PSYC 756		
PSYC 892 (SEM/MA)		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
<u>AT LEAST EIGHTEEN HOURS OF SPECIALIZED CONTENT:</u>		
PSYC 636		
PSYC 639		
At least three hours from the following list: PSYC 631, 638, 640, 733, 736, or 592/892		

At least three hours from the following list: PSYC 667, 735, 739, 741, 592/892		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
<u>THREE HOURS SPECIAL TOPICS IN PROFESSIONAL ISSUES:</u>		
PSYC 890		Total Hours:
<u>TWELVE HOURS OF DISSERTATION PROPOSAL AND DISSERTATION:</u>		
PSYC 998		
PSYC 999		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
ELECTIVES (Three Courses):		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
AT LEAST SIX HOURS OF PRACTICUM or DIRECTED READINGS:		
PSYC 730 or PSYC 897		
NOTES:		Total Hours:
TOTAL HOURS		
Applied to MA	Post MA	Dissertation
		GRAND TOTAL
		72

Major Advisor

Date

Director of the Program

Date

Associate Chair for Graduate Studies

Date

IX. INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

The purpose of comprehensive exams is to determine whether or not the student has obtained the requisite knowledge and skills for doctoral candidacy. It is expected that, by the time a student receives his/her comprehensive exam questions, that the student has a high level of expertise in several areas of IO and a working knowledge of most others areas of IO. It is also expected that the student has acquired the synthesis and writing skills necessary to display that knowledge clearly and concisely in a time constrained environment.

Timing

Students typically take comprehensive exams in the summer following their third year in the program. At that point, the student should have completed almost all of his/her coursework.

Format

A student has 8.5 days to answer questions. All questions allow answers of no more than 15 pages. Every student must answer 1 of 2 quantitative questions and a specialty question. Students must also answer 3 of 4 substantive questions covering a combination of I and O topics. The specific combination for a given student is described in the next section. If needed, the student may have an additional three days to submit references.

Coverage

Questions are generally integrative in nature, requiring the student to pull together and extend multiple literatures. Although every student makes his/her own choice regarding the quantitative question to be answered, choices are limited regarding substantive questions.

Students whose specialty question is more I in nature will be required to answer both substantive O questions. Students whose specialty question is more O in nature will be required to answer both I substantive questions. For students whose specialty question cannot be categorized as I or O, the advisor of the student and the comps coordinator will decide which additional question will be answered.

These questions as well as the methodological questions can be on any topic relevant to the field of IO psychology. Be prepared for questions on any topic.

The specialty question is tailored to the interests of the student. The question is written by the student's advisor in collaboration with the student and is usually oriented toward the dissertation that the student would like to pursue. Although the student will not know the exact wording of the question, the student will know enough to be able to prepare materials and thoughts ahead of time. Because of this possibility, the specialty answer is held to a much higher standard than the other answers.

Grading

Each question is graded by the composer of the question and one other grader. Each answer is scored on a 9-point scale with 5 being the minimum passing grade. Although the specific criteria for scoring will vary with type and content of question, general categories of criteria include:

- a. the degree to which the answer covers all parts of the question
- b. the degree to which the immediately relevant literature was drawn upon
- c. the degree to which the answer makes connections with different bodies of literature
- d. the degree to which the answer contains novel, substantiated positions
- e. the degree to which the answer is coherently represented

Once the faculty members have completed their grading, the grades are examined for disagreement. If two graders disagree by more than 2 points on the nine point scale, then those two faculty members must discuss the answer in order to resolve the discrepancy. If the discrepancy cannot be resolved, a third reader is assigned and asked to resolve the discrepancy through collaboration with the two graders.

Disagreements aside, the score for a given answer is the mean of the two grades.

Failing

There are two ways for a student to fail the written portion of comprehensive exams (a student who fails the written portion fails the exam):

1. If a student fails two or more questions, the student fails the exam
2. If a student averages less than five points across all five questions, the student fails the exam

If, upon first taking comprehensive exams, the student fails the exam, the student may elect to retake the exam the following summer. If the student fails a second time, the student is dismissed from the program.

Oral defense

For those who pass the written portion of comprehensive exams, an oral exam must be scheduled with a two-faculty committee (composition determined by the faculty). The focus of the oral exam will be the questions on which the student performed poorly in the written portion and/or the specialty question.

If a student performed well on all questions in the written portion, then the focus of the oral exam will be the specialty question and how the student's answer to the question could be developed further with an eye towards the dissertation.

If a student provided answers that were problematic to one or more written questions, then the focus of the oral exam will be on the limitations of the answers to those questions. "Limitations" are defined here as questions that the graders had about the answers. These questions will be provided to the student once the oral defense has been scheduled. If time

permits, the answer to the specialty question will also be discussed with an eye towards development.

The student will be made aware of the answers that were problematic and the questions that the graders had about the answers. In preparing for the oral defense, the student should:

1. Prepare a presentation describing the deficiencies of the answer and the changes that would have resulted in a superior response.
2. Prepare to address the questions that were raised by the graders

If the student is able to demonstrate mastery of the problem areas, then the faculty will rule that the student has passed comprehensive exams and should be advanced to doctoral candidacy.

If the student is unable to demonstrate sufficient mastery of the problem areas, then either remedial work will be assigned, supervised, and evaluated by the committee or, in extreme cases, the student will fail the oral portion of the exam and, therefore, fail the exam.

Rules

While taking the written portion, students should not communicate with other students taking the exam concurrently. Students may arrange to have a “runner” who is responsible for procuring articles requested by the test taker, but the runner should only procure those articles that are specifically requested.

Security

Before receiving their questions, students should choose a “color” (or other agreed category of codes such as actors, musicians, or characters in novels) to be used as an identifier. Only the staff person in charge of graduate coordination will know the colors chosen by the students. All personal identifiers must be removed from all answers prior to submission. Answers will not be graded if they contain direct or indirect personal identifiers. Only after graders have graded all of the non-specialty questions for which they are responsible are they given specialty questions to grade. The graders, therefore, have no knowledge of the identities of the students who submitted the answers being graded. Only after all grades have been generated and discrepancies resolved are the identities of the test takers made known.

X. RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Purpose

In addition to passing on existing knowledge to a new generation of psychologists, quality doctoral programs are dedicated to expanding the knowledge base of the field. Hence, the development of the student's research skills is of primary importance.

Initial Research Experience

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the research projects of other program faculty by attending colloquia, brown-bag lunch presentations and other informal means. As research interests crystallize, students may request to participate on other research teams upon mutual consent of involved faculty.

Second Year Research Requirement

By the end of their second year, doctoral students must (co)-author a manuscript that is submitted to either an appropriate scientific journal or a regional/national professional convention. Any entering doctoral student who previously has completed a research master's thesis would be required by the end of their first year to submit the manuscript to a journal or professional meeting. Such students would still be required to actively participate with a faculty research team.

Pre-Comprehensive Exams Research Requirement

The ultimate goal of the doctoral program is to train future leaders in IO psychology. In service of this goal, it is critical that students master the entire research process, from idea generation to publication. The most appropriate measurable outcomes of such training are publications that are directed by the student in collaboration with a member of the faculty. To motivate behaviors that will facilitate this outcome, we have instituted a Research Submission Requirement that is detailed below.

Prior to being allowed to take the comprehensive examination, all students in the PhD program must submit a first-authored manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal. The research project should be planned and executed with two faculty members of the student's choice. Before submitting the manuscript for publication, the student must obtain consent from both faculty members. The faculty only will give consent once they feel the paper is of sufficient quality for submission. Comprehensive exams will not be distributed to students who have not completed the Research Submission Requirement.

It should be noted that this project is not a replacement for the student's involvement in other research projects (including those in faculty members' lab groups).

It should also be noted that this requirement will apply to students who are transferring to the doctoral program from the GMU MA program, as well as any other MA program. In such cases, prior first-authored peer-reviewed journal submissions will be considered by two GMU faculty members to determine whether the requirement has been fulfilled.

After Completion of these Research Requirements

Students are expected to continue working with faculty research teams throughout their program. This will foster the continued maturation of their research skills and facilitate the development of a quality doctoral dissertation proposal.

XI. COLLOQUIA & BROWN-BAG LUNCHEES

Colloquia and Brown-bag lunches are presentations given by professionals from outside George Mason University, members of the faculty of the Psychology Department, and your student colleagues. As potential professionals, students are expected to attend these functions as part of his/her commitment to the field.

Making professional presentations is one of the most important skills that student apprentices must learn. Such presentations are expected whether one works in an applied area or in basic research. In applied settings, professionals are expected to make presentations about in-house projects or contract proposals, while academics are expected to make presentations before colleagues at conventions about their latest research. It is common for a student to make presentations at both practicum sites and conventions.

The department attempts to bring in speakers from outside the department for several purposes. These speakers are usually prominent professionals whose presentations educate students in the most current developments in the field. These colloquia also provide opportunities for students to meet these professionals and to make contacts that will be useful in the future. Finally, such gatherings provide opportunities for students to become "socialized" as a professional.

Faculty speakers also serve multiple functions. Such seminars provide students with opportunities to learn about faculty research. It also provides opportunities to learn how to detect contributions as well as design and logic flaws and how to raise these issues appropriately.

Finally, all students will be required to make presentations as part of their practicum experience and dissertation work. Such presentations give students the practice that they will need as a professional.

Attendance at professional meetings and social functions not only enhance a student's professional socialization but provide yet more opportunities to "network." As you will see, the professional world is quite small, and these contacts become invaluable in gaining employment, getting needed expertise, and evaluating projects and colleagues.

XII. Special Topics in Professional Issues

One of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree is enrollment in Special Topics in Professional Issues (PSYC 890) to be taken in the first three years of doctoral studies. This requirement consists of three one-hour seminars on issues that are deemed highly relevant to your professional expertise. These seminars are scheduled in the fall semester every other year and are graded on a satisfactory/not satisfactory basis.

The Special Topics in Professional Issues deals with topics such as jobs and employment-related issues (i.e., resume building, oral communication skills, interviewing skills, networking and kinds of jobs), ethics, grants, contracts, written proposals, financial proposals, project reports, personnel selection and other topics related to funding. Students will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned in one of the seminars by writing a proposal.

XIII. THE PRACTICA

Purpose

The purpose of the practica (PSYC 730) is to provide learning experiences in the professional application of psychology and in conducting research in work settings (on-site practica) or under direct supervision of a faculty member (in-house practica).

Fulfilling IO Practicum Requirements

For Doctoral students in the IO area, 6 hours of practicum and directed readings credit are required. Practica credits (3-6 hours) may be in-house although most practica normally occur in work settings. Directed Research (PSYC 897) may substitute for the in-house practica requirement. Masters students may elect to take a practicum or additional courses.

The Criteria for Practicum Credit

Doctoral students are eligible to enroll for on-site practica at the time of completion of course work which is most applicable and relevant to the particular practicum site. Normally this will not occur until after the completion of two full-time semesters of graduate work at GMU. The goals of the on-site practica are to provide both professional socialization and a sufficient range of experiences so that graduates of the program are well-prepared professionals. Students should confer with their advisor and the faculty responsible for practicum for suitable placements.

Students are expected to work a minimum of 100 hours for each credit hour of PSYC 730 for which they are enrolled. Students typically register for 3 hours of practicum at a time, and are allowed a maximum of six hours of PSYC 730 per semester.

When to Enroll in a Practicum

The key consideration for determining the acceptability of a practicum placement is that it be a *learning experience* for the student within the field of Industrial Organizational Psychology. To this extent, the following criteria will be used to assess potential placements:

1. For on-site practica.

- a. The student must receive on-the-job guidance/instruction from a supervisor with specialized knowledge in an applied area (e.g., a training director, research director, testing coordinator, etc.). This person will generally possess an advanced degree in psychology or a related discipline.
- b. The practicum experience must not involve only skills already learned. Although this might be beneficial to the sponsoring organization, it would not facilitate the acquisition of *new* knowledge and skills by the student.

- c. If a student is already employed, no practicum credit will be granted for performance of regular job duties (e.g., those listed in the job description). Employees are generally hired on the basis of current skills; in the performance of regularly assigned duties they typically perfect old skills but seldom acquire new professional skills to the extent desirable for a practicum. For this reason, students working full-time will usually not be able to apply these hours toward their practicum. If an employed student can demonstrate that a special project (above and beyond regularly assigned duties) would meet practicum criteria, hours spent on said project may be considered for practicum credit. Such appeals will be decided upon by the committee appointed to assess practicum placement requests.

2. For in-house practica (IO students).

- a. The student participates extensively in a research project with a faculty member. The student is expected to take an active role in most aspects of the project (e.g., searching the literature, gathering and analyzing data, writing the results). The research project may be basic or applied and may be done in conjunction with a research grant or contract held by the faculty member. The practicum culminates with the student submitting a research-oriented manuscript, using APA format.
- b. Doctoral students who have completed an empirical research master's thesis at another university can transfer 3 of those hours and apply them toward the in-house requirement (with the remaining 3 hours transferable as elective). Students in such circumstances will still need to complete 3 hours of an in-house practicum at George Mason so that our faculty may better judge the student's readiness for subsequent on-site practica.

Examples of On-site Practica

Faculty responsible for coordinating practica will have a list of available practica sites. On-site practica generally fall into one of the following areas of professional training:

1. Test validation, including: job/task analysis, development of behaviorally-based rating scales, reliability studies, item analyses, and validity research.
2. Applied research design, including: administration and analysis of survey instruments, research design, statistical analysis, evaluation of assessment or training programs, and grant/contract proposal writing.
3. Organizational development, including: development, direction of training programs, survey-feedback research, and group facilitation.

Procedures for Enrolling in Practicum

Registration for practicum takes careful planning; do not impulsively enroll in 730 because there is nothing left that fits your program. To maximize the potential benefits of this valuable experience, students should follow these recommended procedures:

Two Semesters Prior to Registering for Practicum

- Attend practicum presentations of current students (usually scheduled the last 2-3 weeks of each semester).
- Contact Cooperative Education (Student Union I) to inquire about internship possibilities.
- Join a local professional society to enhance your network of local professionals, e.g.,

Society

Personnel Testing Council/Met. Wash.
American Society for Training & Devel.
Washington Technical Personnel Forum
Society for Human Resource Management

Faculty Contact

Tetrick
see Virginia phone book
Buffardi
Buffardi

60 Days Prior to Registering for Practicum

- Complete an "Intent to Register" form and submit it to faculty member coordinating the upcoming practicum course.
- Contact the faculty member coordinating practica.
- Notify faculty coordinator of any "lead" you have developed for permission to pursue the lead.
- Contact leads provided by faculty coordinator.
- Interview with potential on-site supervisor.
- If interview result appears promising, file a "Practicum Application Form" with faculty coordinator *no later than 1 week prior* to the beginning of the semester.
- Fill out and complete the Experiential Learning Agreement and have your Site Supervisor as well as the Program Coordinator and/or Associate Chair for Graduate Studies sign the form.

During the Semester You are Registered for Practicum

- Attend practicum class meetings.
- Notify faculty coordinator of any problems you are having at the practicum site.
- Complete course requirements (e.g., oral presentation, etc.).
- Provide on-site supervisor with "Practicum Certification form" to be completed and returned to faculty coordinator.
- Complete "Practicum Summary Form" for inclusion in the binder available to future graduate students.

Grades

Students receive either S ("satisfactory") or NC ("no credit") grades for the course. If the required number of hours has not been completed and all course requirements fulfilled by the end of the semester, a grade of IP ("In Progress") will be assigned. Upon completion of all requirements, the faculty practicum coordinator will file a change of grade.

XIV. DOCTORAL SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Students may begin work on their dissertation as soon as their advisor feels they are ready (typically, in their third or fourth year in the program. Although the student's committee cannot be formally appointed until after they are advanced to candidacy, students should work with their advisor to select their preferred committee members at this time. This committee is responsible for approving the doctoral dissertation proposal, supervising all aspects of the dissertation such as research design, data collection, data analysis and the writing of the dissertation. This committee reads the various drafts of the dissertation guiding the student in the direction that the dissertation should take and directing the student in the various changes that are necessary. Although the committee has the ultimate responsibility for the dissertation, the Doctoral Supervisory Committee advisor gives the primary guidance to the student.

After a student has passed the comprehensive examination and been advanced to candidacy, he/she is formally ready to begin work on a dissertation. The first formal step in pursuing the dissertation is to form a Doctoral Supervisory Committee. To form your committee, your advisor should send a note to the Graduate Coordinator outlining the preferred members of the committee.

The Composition of the Doctoral Supervisory Committee

The doctoral supervisory committee consists of at least 3 members, all of which must be members of the Graduate Faculty at George Mason University. The major advisor from the psychology department and the student select a second faculty member from the department to serve on the committee. A third member from outside the department is chosen. The major criterion for selection of this outside member is his/her ability to contribute to the dissertation project. Additional members who are not part of the GMU graduate faculty or who are from outside the university may also be appointed to the committee, but these individuals cannot serve as the required member from outside the department.

The department chair is responsible for recommending the doctoral supervisory committee to the Dean. The Dean then appoints the members and reserves the right to make such substitutions as appear to be necessary, but always after consultation with the department chair. The dissertation advisor is responsible for notifying the department of the desired composition of a student's committee. The student and all members of the committee will receive a formal appointment letter from the Dean of the College of Human and Social Sciences.

XV. THE DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

The doctoral dissertation proposal provides a broad literature review, well-developed rationale, a research design, and a data analysis plan. The deliverables are an Introduction in the form of an AMR/Psych Review-style paper that synthesizes previous research and theory and extends, integrates, or applies these ideas in a novel manner, and detailed Methods and Analysis Plan sections. During the period that the Doctoral Supervisory Committee is reviewing a dissertation proposal, the student is required to enroll in a minimum of three (3) hours of PSYC 998 - Dissertation Proposal. Normally the student will make an oral presentation of the dissertation proposal to the entire committee. After this committee approves the dissertation proposal, it is forwarded by the student to both the Program Coordinator and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies for approval. If acceptable, the proposal will be forwarded to the Dean for approval; the student is ready to enroll in PSYC 999 – Dissertation once the Dean has approved the proposal.

Dissertation Proposal Approval Process

1. An approved proposal signifies the following:

The proposal contains a clear, focused literature review germane to the dissertation. The committee approves the experimental design, choice of variables investigated, procedures, and the rationale behind the proposal. There is a clear set of hypotheses, and enough detail on planned statistical analysis for the committee to be clear on the planned procedures; the committee is satisfied that the procedures are appropriate to the design, hypotheses, and variables investigated.

- a. After proposal approval, the committee may NOT require: additional dependent measures and a significant modification to the design.
- b. The committee MAY require: a few additional statistical analyses if planned analyses, upon reflection, indicate this would be appropriate; updated, re-written literature review when the dissertation is final; and extended discussion based upon data and analysis.

2. The Proposal Approval Process

- a. The student selects a dissertation advisor with assent of the faculty member.
- b. Student and advisor select a general area for the dissertation.
- c. Student, in consultation with advisor, develops and revises rough drafts of proposal.
- d. In consultation with advisor, student selects committee. The committee composition must follow University and department guidelines, and must include one member from the Industrial Organizational Area. [Note: assent of faculty members to participate in a dissertation is voluntary. The department expects that all faculty be willing to participate as advisor or committee member on some dissertations; participation on a particular dissertation is completely voluntary. If a student cannot obtain voluntary consent of a committee, the dissertation cannot proceed.]

- e. When the advisor agrees that the rough draft proposal is far enough along, the draft is distributed to the committee at least 2 weeks before the initial committee meeting. This meeting approves or directs changes in the scope and design of dissertation, with feedback on what changes are required before final approval.
- f. The number of meetings of the committee will depend upon the progress of the student. Committee goodwill can be maximized by working individually with the advisor between meetings, and making substantial progress before calling another meeting.
- g. Committee signature on the proposal signifies that the committee agrees that the design, hypotheses, statistical analysis, and literature review are appropriate for a dissertation, and the document is well written. Chair signature indicates concurrence.

3. During the dissertation

Normally, frequent committee meetings are unnecessary and burdensome. Frequent consultation with the advisor is essential. Occasional brief progress reports to the committee are often appreciated. Committee consultation is usually necessary only when substantial changes must be made to the approved proposal.

4. Writing up the dissertation

Although students may consult with committee members who have special expertise (e.g., statistics) during the analysis phase, normally, the analysis, interpretation, and write-up are done by the student in close consultation with the advisor. The dissertation should be submitted to the full committee only when the student and advisor believe the dissertation is nearly in final form.

The final form of the dissertation should be a journal-length manuscript (approximately 35 pages of text for a single study paper, similar to that which might appear in journals such as JAP or Personnel Psychology). This should include a focused literature review, well-grounded hypotheses, a clear description of the method and relevant results, and a discussion of theoretical and practical implications of the research. The dissertation proposal (which represented a broader presentation of relevant theory and research) as well as any additional results that are not directly relevant to the journal manuscript should be included as an appendix.

The committee, however, is not bound to accept the draft presented. The committee can require additional changes in writing to clarify the document, etc., or can require a reorganization of major portions of the dissertation.

When the committee requires revision of the dissertation, the student should work closely with the advisor to address all of the issues before calling another committee meeting.

Dissertations cannot go to orals without the assent of all committee members and the Program Director. There may be situations where one member of a committee disagrees with the majority of the committee as to whether a draft is appropriate for defense. If the disagreement cannot be reconciled after extensive discussion, and the faculty member

strongly disagrees over the quality of the dissertation, it is appropriate for the faculty member to resign from the committee. The dissertation cannot then proceed to orals unless and until the student secures agreement of another faculty member to join the committee. Appointing additional committee members follows the same procedures as original appointment of the committee.

5. In preparation for the defense

The student must provide a copy of the dissertation to the Program Director, and the Department Chair to make available to the faculty to read before the oral defense. These copies must be available at least two weeks before the scheduled oral defense.

Do not ask your Dissertation Committee Chair to schedule orals until your committee and the department chair have seen and approved your last draft. It is very common for several drafts of the dissertation to be required prior to scheduling your defense and, if all goes well, at least one revision after orals. The dissertation represents the culmination of your program and an important contribution to the body of psychological knowledge. It is the faculty's responsibility to the field and to you that the final product meets a high standard.

XVI. THE DISSERTATION

The Doctoral Supervisory Committee guides the student in the preparation of the dissertation. Specific guidelines may be found in the Dissertation and Thesis Web *Guide*. This is managed by the University library and the guide can be found at <http://www.gmu.edu/library/specialcollections/dtwebguide.htm>.

A student is required to enroll in PSYC 999 - Dissertation for at least three (3) credit hours. A total of twelve (12) hours of PSYC 998 and 999 is required for the doctoral degree.

All doctoral students who have been advanced to candidacy, that is doctoral students who have completed all course work and examinations and have only the dissertation to complete, will be required to maintain a minimum of one credit of continuous registration for dissertation after their last semester of course work. This one credit registration is required only when normal dissertation hours have been completed. For example, assume your doctoral program requires 12 hours of dissertation credit and that you registered for 6 hours the first semester of full-time work on your dissertation and 6 hours the next semester. You have now completed the minimum required number of dissertation hours. However, if you still have not completed your dissertation, you are required to register and pay tuition for one credit of dissertation each semester (excluding Summer) until you successfully defend your dissertation and submit signed copies to the Dean's office. After the deadline for registration by mail, the registration for one credit of dissertation should be completed during the first week of classes, but in all cases must be completed by the end of the Schedule Adjustment period. If one period of continuous registration is not maintained, a financial penalty will be assessed after the completion of the dissertation and before the award of your degree.

Students who have been advanced to candidacy are strongly advised not to seek full-time off-campus employment. This often jeopardizes attainment of the degree and, at the very least, disrupts its timely completion. Please discuss with your dissertation advisor these issues prior to seeking full-time employment.

Oral Defense of the Dissertation

Policy on Dissertation Defenses

Summary: The dissertation and its oral defense represent the final demonstration that a doctoral candidate has sufficiently mastered the methods and content of the discipline, that he/she can plan a substantive research project, collect, analyze, and interpret the data, and fit the findings into literature in the area. Students must demonstrate a sufficient mastery of the discipline that they can accomplish this task, report the dissertation work in clear technical writing in appropriate format, and defend orally what they have done in each phase of the work.

Prior to the defense: No dissertation can proceed to a defense until each member of the committee and the department chair have signed the "permission to defend" form, signifying that each has individually read the dissertation draft and has concluded that it is in final form except

for minor changes. This does NOT preclude the committee from stipulating changes (possibly major ones) as a result of the issues raised in the oral examination.

Procedure for the oral defense: The candidate and the examining committee must be present at the defense. An observer from the Dean's office may be present. Other members of the university community are welcome to attend the defense as observers. Attendance by persons who are not members of the university community (e.g., family members) is not normally allowed.

The defense is chaired by the advisor, who is responsible for maintaining appropriate professional decorum. The advisor will open the meeting by reviewing procedures to be followed. Although exact procedures will vary depending upon the wishes of the dissertation committee, the procedure will normally open with a presentation of the dissertation work by the candidate. During and following this presentation, the candidate is examined for thorough mastery of the methods, analysis, and interpretation of the data, and its context in the literature; only members of the examining committee may participate in this examination. If other persons present at the examination wish to question the candidate, they may do so only with the permission of the dissertation chair.

After conclusion of the examination, the candidate and others present are then asked to leave the room while the examining committee deliberates; the dean's representative is invited to observe the deliberations. After deliberations, a vote is taken, and the candidate is then brought back into the room and privately informed of the decision of the committee.

The following are appropriate requirements for the oral defense:

1. The student is expected to have mastered the research process as it relates to his/her dissertation, and to have command of the subject matter of the dissertation. The student should be able to answer procedural questions concerning data collection or statistical analysis procedures. For the latter, it is not expected that the student have each formula at his/her fingertips, but that the data analysis be explained conceptually, that it is clear that the student understands the analysis, and that the student be able to demonstrate that the assumptions of the analysis performed were reasonably valid.
2. If the data analysis has been altered since proposal approval, the student should be able to justify changes. If faculty feel that alterations should have been made, the student should be able to explain why no alteration was made. This must be kept reasonable. For example, a student who has conducted a two-group study with a single dependent measure is not liable to questions concerning multivariate analysis. However, completion of the mechanics of data analysis is not a substitute for thoughtful data analysis, and an understanding of the limitations of analysis.
3. The student must be able to explain how interpretations were derived from the analysis of the data, and how his/her findings fit into and contribute to the existing body of literature in the area.

4. The student must be able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of his/her own work, and to project logical extensions of that work.

The dissertation committee is the ultimate judge of whether the student satisfactorily performs the requirements of the oral defense. Decisions of the committee may be either (1) pass, with no changes: the student has completely satisfied the committee, and no changes are required to the dissertations, (2) pass, with changes: the student has satisfied the committee, but stipulated changes must be made to the dissertation before submission, or (3) fail: the committee is not satisfied with the student's ability to perform the above, and/or such major changes are required in the written dissertation that another exam must be scheduled. In order to pass the exam, all members of the dissertation committee must vote to pass the candidate. All decisions of the committee on whether the candidate passes or not, and what changes are required to the written dissertation, are made in a closed meeting of the examining committee immediately following the oral exam; other persons present at the examination may not be present at or take part in the discussion leading to the vote (except that the dean's representative is invited to observe the deliberations).

If a candidate does not pass the oral examination, he/she is allowed a maximum of one additional oral examination; to be scheduled only after the committee is satisfied that stipulated changes in the written dissertation have been made.

If the student passes with no changes, the committee will sign the cover sheet, and the student will have completed all requirements for the degree. If the student passes with changes, the committee may either sign the cover sheet and entrust the advisor to revise the changes before submission of the dissertation, or may require that the candidate circulate the final draft to the committee before signature. Students who pass with changes have not completed all requirements for the degree; they should not use the title "doctor" until the dissertation has been signed and turned in to the university.

Students who complete their dissertation after the filing deadline for the semester will receive their degree at the next graduation opportunity. However, as soon as all graduation requirements are met, the university will provide a letter stating that all doctoral requirements have been met and that the degree will be awarded at the next opportunity.

XVII. FLEISHMAN DISSERTATION AWARD

Students conducting a dissertation under the supervision of a faculty person
in the IO or HFAC Programs are eligible for this dissertation award.

The Edwin A. Fleishman Dissertation Award is given to the best paper based on a Ph.D. dissertation completed at George Mason University by a student in the Industrial Organizational Psychology or Human Factors and Applied Cognition within the Department of Psychology. It is given in honor of Edwin A. Fleishman, Emeritus Distinguished University Professor, who, throughout his career, has made exemplary contributions to many areas of Applied Psychology, including human abilities measurement, leadership, and the promotion of Applied Psychology around the world.

How to submit entries for the Fleishman Dissertation Award:

- a. Entries may be submitted only by students who have obtained their PhD while at GMU in Psychology and whose dissertation has been accepted by the university within the previous 24 months of the annual submission deadline for the award. A given entry can be submitted only once.
- b. Submissions will take the form of a manuscript based on the dissertation. The manuscript should be prepared in APA format and should be the version submitted to a journal. If the manuscript has not yet been submitted to a journal, the manuscript is limited in length to a maximum of 30 double spaced pages (excluding tables and figures). Applicants should submit 5 copies of the paper for consideration or one electronic copy.
- c. Submissions should be accompanied by a letter from the dissertation advisor supporting the nomination. The letter should specify the date of acceptance of the dissertation and that the submission adequately represents all aspects of the completed dissertation. Note that this letter need not comment extensively on the quality of the project as the actual evaluation for the award will be based on a critical review of a paper submitted by the recent graduate.

Bases for evaluation:

- a. A committee consisting of two faculty members who are actively involved in the IO or HFAC graduate programs will be created in order to evaluate the papers submitted for the award. The committee will be constructed so that no student submitting a proposal would have his or her advisor on the committee that year.
- b. The criteria for evaluation will include dimensions of technical merit (e.g. internal validity, appropriate use of methods), writing style, theoretical and practical relevance, and significance. Additional consideration will be given to a study that serves to highlight the particular research strengths of the IO and HFAC Programs at GMU.

- c. In the event of a fair number of high quality submissions, the evaluation committee will rank order the papers in terms of merit. This would allow for the possibility of an "honorable mention" award. The committee also has the right not to make an award during a particular review cycle.
- d. Award winners will be announced in time for a formal ceremony at the end of the academic year during which a certificate of recognition would be given to the student to honor his or her achievement.

Any questions regarding this award should be communicated to Dr. Stephen Zaccaro, Award Chair, George Mason University Psychology Department.

XVIII. RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Industrial Organizational Faculty encourage all IO graduate students to engage in research using any one of several approaches and it is expected of all IO doctoral Students. When a student has determined his/her area of research interest, the student may become involved in research projects in that area in several ways. The student may find a faculty member who is interested in working with the student and enroll in PSYC 897. The student may find a faculty member who has a grant or contract in a research area of interest to the student and approach this faculty member expressing interest in the project. The student may know of a professional who is off-campus with whom the student would like to work on a research project. In this case, the student should discuss this with her/his advisor to determine how this could be arranged to the student's advantage. For example, a practicum placement might be developed for the student.

Approval of Research Projects

All research projects must be approved by the faculty advisor before the research begins. Research projects or experiments done under the supervision of faculty require approval but the procedure is somewhat different for master's theses and doctoral dissertations. If a project involves the use of human subjects, the project must be approved by the University Human Subjects Review Board (703) 993-2292. The appropriate university procedure and forms are available in the Office of Sponsored Programs or on the web at <http://www.gmu.edu/research/ORSP/HumanSubjects.html>

Research Space

Normally a faculty member in the department is in charge of allotting research space. When you have determined your research space needs, contact your advisor and your advisor will attempt to get space for you. Research space is at a premium at the university, and early requests will help insure that your needs are met.

Computer Facilities

The university has numerous terminals about campus and in the department that access the GMU mainframe computers. You may contact University Computing (3-8870).

The university also has number of laboratories located in various campus locations which house both Apples and IBM personal computers for student use.

XIX. INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL FACULTY

The Department has 40 full-time faculty in the areas of clinical, developmental, experimental, human factors and applied cognition, industrial organizational, and social psychology. Only the faculty involved in the Industrial Organizational Program are listed here.

Industrial Organizational Psychology Program Faculty

Louis C. Buffardi, Ph.D., Kansas State University, Associate Professor: human error, work & family issues, work attitudes

Jose M. Cortina, Ph.D., Michigan State University, Professor: statistical interaction, philosophy of statistics, personality-based predictors of job performance

Reeshad Dalal, Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Assistant Professor: employee performance, and its links with mood/emotions, job attitudes and individual differences; advice-giving and advice-taking from a decision-making perspective

Seth Kaplan, Ph.D., Tulane University, Assistant Professor: personality characteristics relations to individuals' appraisals and performance in the workplace; affect and emotion; job attitudes; occupational stress and coping; sexism in organizations; and team performance; statistical issues related to personnel selection and performance appraisal.

Eden King, Ph.D., Rice University, Assistant Professor: equitable and effective management of diverse organizations; social stigma work-family interface, emotions, and teams in organizations

Richard J. Klimoski, Ph.D., Purdue University, Professor, School of Management: accountability, team performance, shared mental models

Lois Tetrick, Ph.D., *Professor of Psychology and Director of the IO Psychology Program*; Occupational health psychology including stress, work-family, and safety; psychological contracts and employment relationships; cross-cultural aspects of industrial organizational psychology; innovation; motivation, and compensation.

Stephen J. Zaccaro, Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Professor: Leadership, executive assessment and development, team dynamics and effectiveness, shared leadership, multiteam systems.

Emeritus Faculty

Edwin A. Fleishman, Ph.D., Ohio State University, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus; University of Edinburgh (Honorary Doctor of Science): industrial organizational and human factors psychology, taxonomies, human performance

Theodore L. Gessner, Ph.D., University of Maryland. Associate Professor Emeritus; sense of humor, human destructiveness, survey research.

Robert W. Holt, Ph.D., University of Illinois, Associate Professor Emeritus: artificial intelligence, group processes, social development

XX. THE UNIVERSITY

At George Mason, all full-time faculty are members of the Graduate Faculty. Their primary responsibility is to enact the policies mandated by the Graduate Faculty (through the Graduate Council) and to maintain quality control on all graduate degrees awarded at George Mason.

The Graduate Council makes all policies regarding graduate matters of the College Humanities and Social Sciences at George Mason, approves all courses, and awards all degrees. These policies are implemented by the Deans of each academic unit. The Psychology Department reports to the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Thus, it is the Dean, who accepts students into programs, monitors their progress, and finally awards the doctoral degree. Department policies and procedures are subject to approval by the Graduate Council and implemented by the Deans.

All students are advised to read the Catalog carefully and recognize that all graduate programs are governed by university policy.

The following are some guidelines that the University wishes students to know:

CANDIDACY - The student completes all examinations and other requirements for advancement to candidacy. The department notifies the appropriate Dean in writing that a student is ready for advancement to candidacy. The Dean formally notifies the student of advancement to candidacy. The student has five years (5) to complete the dissertation after being advanced to candidacy.

COMMITTEE - Student and advisor discuss dissertation topic and selection of committee. Department Chair nominates the major advisor and committee members. The appropriate Dean appoints the committee.

PROPOSAL - Student develops dissertation proposal. Committee approves proposal. Signed copy of signature sheet sent to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

DISSERTATION FORMAT REVIEW – Student should bring Theses and Dissertations to Sarah Patton (Special Collections, Fenwick Library, Room C201) for format review. Contact Sarah at 993-2222 or spatton@gmu.edu

DISSERTATION - Student can register for dissertation credits after the appropriate Dean receives sheet. Student follows format guidelines in Thesis and Dissertation Guide (available in University copy centers); clears format with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Committee and Chair determine that student is ready for dissertation defense. Working copies (bound or boxed) filed both with the College and at Library Reserve desk at least two weeks prior to date of scheduled defense.

DEFENSE - Department notifies the College of scheduled defense in poster/flyer format (at least two weeks in advance of defense). The College sends out notice to GMU community. Defense takes place. If successful, all members of committee and chair sign both dissertation cover sheets (two copies). If unsuccessful, the dissertation is re-worked and a new defense is scheduled. Two finished copies meeting University format specifications with original cover sheets are sent to the appropriate Dean for signature. Members of the dissertation committee should be provided with a bound copy of the finished document.

BINDING - The College transmits dissertation to Library. Library will have both copies bound, then placed on permanent reference. Student may reclaim working copies from the College and Library.

XXI. DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY RESEARCH INTERESTS

APPLIED DEVELOPMENTAL

Tim Curby	993-2457 / DK 2048	Classrooms as a context for students' behavior and development; Teacher-child interactions; Classroom quality; Development of classroom observational measures; Quantitative methods.
Susanne Denham Director, Applied Developmental Program	993-1378 / DK 1024A	Preschoolers' social-emotional development and its assessment and promotion; Peer competence in preschool and elementary school; Developmental psychopathology; Parenting: Its impact on the above
Kimberly Eby	993-8671 / JC 241	Violence and gender; faculty roles in interdisciplinary collaborative work; collaborative learning; teaching and learning strategies across the disciplines.
Elyse Lehman		<i>Faculty Emeritus.</i> Memory, attention, and problem solving in children and older adults; Educational applications-Learning disabilities, gifted children, attention deficit disorder; Everyday cognition-Children's art, soft object attachments; Eyewitness testimony
Robert Pasnak	993-1354 / DK 2049	Cognitive and socioemotional development in preschool, elementary school, and special education children
Koraly Perez-Edgar	993-9366 / DK 2050	Attentional Control and Attentional Biases, Anxiety, Social Reticence/Shyness, Temperament, Biological substrates (EEG, ERP, fMRI)
Johannes Rojahn	993-4241 / DEM 202	Intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism (Socio-emotional competence, mental health/illness, psychopathology, self-injurious, stereotypic and aggressive

behaviors; applied behavior analysis; assessment)

Adam Winsler 993-1881 / DK 2023

Development of self-regulation; Private speech; Bilingualism; ADHD; Early childhood education; School readiness among low-income, ethnically diverse children

BIOPSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

Linda Chrosniak 993-4139 / DK 2045
Director, Honors Program in Psychology

Research interests include implicit and explicit memory processes, and relationships between stress, cognition and health. In addition, in collaboration with Dr. Flinn, she has investigated effects of trace metals (zinc, copper and iron) on memory processes.

Jane Flinn 993-4107 / DK 2022

The role of metals in learning and memory and in Alzheimer's disease

Craig G. McDonald 993-2277 / DK 2018

Psychophysiology of visual perception and cognition; nicotine-induced changes in executive functioning

Robert F. Smith 993-4339 / DK 2044
Director, Biopsychology Program

Developmental neuroscience, esp. effects of drugs [currently, nicotine] on adolescent neurobehavioral development. Activity-dependent dendritic growth. Animal models of addiction.

CLINICAL

Lauren Cattaneo 993-4728 / DK 2021

Community and institutional responses to intimate partner violence, helpseeking, risk assessment and empowerment.

Christy Esposito-Smythers
993-2039 / DK 2061

Assessment, prevention, and treatment of adolescent suicide, depression, and substance abuse.

Todd Kashdan 993-9486 / DK 2047

Emotional disturbances, social anxiety, self-regulation, personality, interpersonal

		processes, positive emotions, well-being, character strengths.
James Maddux	993-3590 / DK 2019	Social-clinical interface; Health psychology; Self-efficacy theory.
Patrick E. McKnight	993-8292 / DK 2065	Health services research, research methods, statistics, measurement, and program evaluation.
Robyn Mehlenbeck	993-1371 / DEM 202	<i>Director of Center for Psychological Services.</i> Adolescent weight management; Eating disorders in children and adolescents. Clinical specialty in pediatric psychology.
Keith D. Renshaw	993-5128 / DK 2052	Relationships of adults with anxiety and depression; Adjustment of military service members and their spouses after deployment; Combat-related posttraumatic stress disorder.
John Riskind	993-4094 / DK 2043	Anxiety disorders, Generalized Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Cognitive Vulnerability factors and processes, Cognitive behavioral theories and treatment, anxiety and suicide ideation, cognitive vulnerability and stress-generation
Jerome Short Director of Clinical Training	993-1368 / DK 2057	Family stress and coping; Prevention programs; Mental health promotion.
June Tangney	993-1365 / DK 2007A	Personality and social psychology, Moral emotions (shame, guilt, and empathy), Criminal behavior and rehabilitation, Substance abuse and HIV risk, Research ethics.

HUMAN FACTORS/APPLIED COGNITION

Carryl Baldwin	993-4653 / DK 2062	Auditory cognition, auditory and multi-modal displays, cognitive aging, speech processing, transportation (highway and air) safety, mental workload, adaptive automation, individual differences, training, spatial navigation and neuroergonomics.
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Deborah Boehm-Davis 993-1398 / DK 2003

Department Chairperson

Applied cognition; understanding interruptions and cognitive workload; transportation (Aviation and highway)

C. Alan Boneau

Faculty Emeritus. Recognition memory and magery; Structure of psychology; Psychophysics

Robert Holt

Faculty Emeritus. Social cognition; Pilot cognition; Programmer cognition; Artificial intelligence; Computer assisted instruction; Computer adaptive testing; Relation of physiological measures to cognition

Raja Parasuraman 993-1357 / DK 2055

Director, Human Factors/Applied Cognition Program

Human factors and cognitive neuroscience, human performance in human-machine systems, influence of automation and computer technology on attention, memory and vigilance. Cognitive neuroscience of attention using information-processing tasks, neuroimaging (ERPs and fMRI) molecular genetics of cognition.

Matt Peterson 993-4255 / DK 2058

Cognitive neuroscience of attention, memory, and perception. Visual attention, visual search, and eye movements. Attentional control and multitasking

James Sanford 993-1351 / DK 2046
Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies

Human memory and cognition, false memory, testing effect

Tyler Shaw 993-5187 / DK 2059

Neurophysiological underpinnings and individual differences in human sustained attention, automation, team collaboration and coordination dynamics

Jim Thompson 993-1342 / DK 2056

Cognitive neuroscience, including fMRI and ERPs; biological motion; social cognition; robotics.

INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL

Louis Buffardi **993-1363 / DK 3072**

Coordinator, Industrial/Organizational M.A. Program

Employee attitudes; Quality of work life
organizational surveys; Work and family
issues; Human error

Jose Cortina 993-1347 / DK 3074

Statistical interaction; Philosophy of
quantitative analysis; Personality testing

Reeshad Dalal 993-9487 / DK 3077

Employee performance, and its links with
mood/emotions, job attitudes and individual
differences, and advice-giving and advice-
taking from a decision-making perspective.

Theodore Gessner

Faculty Emeritus. Evaluation research;
Survey research; Person perception; Humor

Seth Kaplan 993-8475 / DK 3073

Personality, emotions, and well-being at
work. Understanding the meaning and the
psychological experience of work.
Psychometric and statistical issues.

Eden King 993-1620 / DK 3076

Effective and equitable management of
diversity in organizations, discrimination,
social stigma in the context of work

Lois Tetrick 993-1372 / DK 3066A

Director, Industrial/Organizational Program

Occupational health psychology including
stress, work-family, and safety;
psychological contracts and the employment
relationship; cross-cultural aspects of
industrial organizational psychology;
innovation; motivation, and compensation.

Stephen Zaccaro 993-1355 / DK 3066B

Leadership, executive assessment and
development, team dynamics and
effectiveness, shared leadership, multiteam
systems.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

John Blaha

Faculty Emeritus. Assessment, learning disabilities

Grover Foehlinger 993-5127 / DKH 2063
Director, School Psychology M.A./CAGS

Program evaluation.

Johannes Rojahn 993-4241 / DEM 202

Intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism (Socio-emotional competence, mental health/illness, psychopathology, self-injurious, stereotypic and aggressive behaviors; applied behavior analysis; assessment)

Ellen Rowe 993-4266 / DEM 202C

Assessment and remediation of social, emotional, and behavioral problems among children and adolescents and developmental psychopathology.

APPENDICES

Student "G" Cards

After registering, each student is required to obtain a university photo identification card. It must be presented to use the library and is required for admission to university events, when using university facilities and can be used as a debit-card at various food concessions and copy machines. Questions may be directed to the Photo ID Office at (703) 993-1004. You can obtain your G-Card in SUB II, Lower Level (near the mailroom). For more information, visit the [University All Card Office](#).

GMU E-Mail

Students are required to activate and use their GMU E-Mail account to obtain Psychology Department list-serve messages and to access the university mainframe computer and library. Only GMU E-Mail accounts will be used for official university communication with students. For more information regarding access your E-Mail visit the [ITU Support Center](#).

Parking

Parking decals may be purchased in person in the Parking Services Office located in the [Sandy Creek Parking Deck](#), or via [Patriot Web](#). You will need a G-Card to purchase parking passes in person. Handicapped parking permits are available in the Parking Services Office. Parking registration information is also mailed to students several weeks before the start of the fall semester. For more information contact [Parking Services](#).

Health Insurance/Student Health Services

George Mason provides a variety of health insurance options for graduate students. For students who meet specific qualifications, premiums for the Aetna Student Health Insurance Plan will be subsidized by the University. Students who do not qualify for the subsidy, may elect to purchase the policy and should contact [Student Health Services](#) regarding enrollment. [The Student Health Services Office](#) is available to all students at no or reduced fees. To determine eligibility for subsidized insurance, please click [here](#).

Student Wage/Hourly Employees

All student wage/hourly employees are required to use Direct Deposit and must submit a time sheet online in order to be paid. To set up Direct Deposit and record your hours, please visit [Patriot Web](#) and click on "Employee Services", "Time sheets" (to enter your hours) and/or "Pay Information" (to enroll in direct deposit).

Mailboxes

Each student is assigned a mailbox. Doctoral student mailboxes are located in the hallway next to the Psychology Graduate Office in David King Hall. Faculty and Staff boxes are located in the copy room (DK 2001). MA mailboxes are located in the Physio Lab for Biopsychology, alongside the doctoral mailboxes for Developmental, The ARCH Lab for Human Factors, The Clinic for School Psychology and Robinson 211C for Industrial Organizational. Be sure to check the mailboxes periodically for any messages that might be left for you by faculty, staff, or students. Please be aware that student mailboxes are not secured, so use caution in what you place in them.