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Name of Degree: **Psychology**
(Ph.D.)

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The Ph.D. in Psychology is a program of study that provides the opportunity to candidates to carry out research in a field of Psychology, choosing among Clinical, Counseling, Developmental, Neuropsychology, School and Social Psychology. The ultimate goal is to train early stage researchers to become independent and to be able to carry out rigorous research in their chosen field of interest.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

- to provide the opportunity to candidates that fulfill the requirements to carry out research in the field of Psychology,
- to provide the opportunity to candidates that fulfill the requirements to plan research studies in the field of Psychology based on the ethical regulations and established deontology,
- to reinforce the research potential of Cyprus in the field of Psychology
- to reinforce the applied activities in the field of Psychology (research, prevention, promotion of mental health) in the society of Cyprus.
- to contribute and reinforce the culture of research in the field of Psychology in Cyprus

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- to offer equal opportunities to the PhD candidates so as to obtain a specialisation in one of the research subfields in Psychology
- to offer to the PhD candidates the possibilities to create and assess research questions by applying the appropriate methods
- to deepen the knowledge of advanced statistic methods and necessary skills for carrying out a research project.
- to develop skills for understanding, planning, developing, organizing, carrying out and validating research projects
- to develop skills for the presentation of research products that will allow the PhD candidates to expose and support in an efficient way the findings of research projects in the broader research community (through conferences, congresses and publications)
- to develop the required knowledge and skills that will allow the PhD candidates to create new research knowledge in the field of Psychology

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this program, the students should be able to:

- recognize and categorise specific aspects (for example design, argumentation) of research approaches on topics related to Psychology and its practical applications
- describe, support review and discuss scientific issues within the field of Psychology
- describe, design and support advanced research protocols in the field of Psychology
- compose, organize and evaluate scientific projects of various types in the field of Psychology
- organize and compose systematic review of temporary research issues in the field of Psychology
- recognise, describe and apply advanced quantitative and qualitative methods in research

- explain and interpret research outputs using advanced statistic methods as well as describe and support the obtained results
- explain, interpret and critically evaluate results of studies applying qualitative methods in the field of Psychology
- compose and present scientific publications in the field of Psychology
- recognise, interpret and analyse Deontological and Ethical issues concerning the research practice in the field of Psychology
- examine, evaluate and reconsider the use and application of best practices in clinical issues or other issues in the field of applied Psychology
- efficiently present, support and demonstrate their research proposals and output.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Successful candidates will be expected to work in Universities and Research institutes and organisations in Cyprus and internationally.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	ECTS
Compulsory courses	30
Comprehensive Examination	10
Preparation and Submission of the PhD research proposal	10
Independent research according to the approved PhD research proposal	85
Writing, Submission and Public Presentation of the PhD project	45
Total ECTS	180
1. Compulsory courses (30 ECTS)	
PSY 711 – Advanced Research Methodology	10
PSY 712 – Advanced Statistics	10
PSY 723 – Preparation and Writing of the PhD Dissertation	10
2. Comprehensive Examination (10 ECTS)	10
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3. Preparation and Submission of the PhD research proposal (10 ECTS)	10
Preparation, Submission and Presentation of the PhD research proposal	
4. Independent research according to the approved PhD research proposal (85 ECTS)	85
Independent Research Project according to the approved PhD project under the supervision of the established members of the teaching team	
5. Writing, Submission and Public Presentation of the PhD project (45 ECTS)	45
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