

Because professional licensing in Quebec is granted upon completion of the PhD (including internships), the Order of Psychologists of Quebec is standardizing both undergraduate and graduate curricula. In principle, all students applying for a PhD in clinical psychology will have completed 42 credits in the 10 content domains listed below. Students who have not met these requirements at the undergraduate level may complete them or their equivalents during the first two years of their graduate program.

1. Biological Bases of Behavior (6 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on the biological foundations of behavior. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: physiological psychology; neurophysiology; neuroanatomy; behavioural neuroscience; drugs and behavior; psychopharmacology.

2. Cognitive - Affective Bases of Behaviour (6 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on cognitive and/or affective bases of human behavior. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: perception; information processing, memory; learning; emotion; motivation.

3. Social Cultural Aspects of Behaviour (6 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on social and cultural dimensions of human behavior. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: social psychology; interpersonal relations; inter-group relations; multiculturalism; conflict and resolution; gender and sexuality.

4. Human Development (6 credits)

This domain would include course that focus primarily in human developmental processes. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: child psychology; developmental psychology; psychology of aging; social emotional development; cognitive development;

5. History and Systems of Psychology (3 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on the history of psychology or the evolution of psychological theory. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: history of psychology; philosophy of science; history of science; historical perspectives in psychology; modern psychology in historical perspectives.

6. Psychometrics (3 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on the measurement of psychological/behavioural processes. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include; psychometrics; clinimetrics; tests and measurements; measurement of psychological processes; personality assessment; psychological testing.

7. Research Methods (3 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on approaches or methods used in psychological enquiry. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: research methods; research seminar; experimental psychology; honours seminar.

8. Statistics (3 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on analytic approaches used in psychological research. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: statistics; statistical methods; quantitative approaches in psychology; regression methods; factor analysis; sequential analyses.

9. Personality (3 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on the study of individual differences. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: personality; individual differences; personality development; personality theory.

10. Psychopathology (3 credits)

This domain would include courses that focus primarily on the study of human psychological dysfunction. Course titles that would satisfy this criterion might include: psychopathology; abnormal psychology; developmental psychopathology; childhood mental disorders.