Graduate Studies in Psychology
(& related areas/ professional programs)

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## Reality (UC Berkeley)!!!!

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Admission Statistics – Canada (CPA, 2009)

- Experimental: 5 to 40% (M = 24%)
- Clinical: 0.74 to 17% (M = 9%)
- Counselling: 8 to 27% (M = 21%)
Admission Statistics – US
(Norcross, et al., 2010; Norcross et al., 2003)

- Experimental: $M = 37.6\%$
- Clinical:
  - Practice-oriented: $M = 16\%$
  - Research-oriented: $M = 7\%$
  - Psy.D: $M = 26$ to $50\%$
Agenda

- Who should attend?
- Types of programs offered
- Admission requirements
- Financial assistance
- How to prepare
- Resources
- Questions
Who should attend?

- You love learning
- You can work independently and be self motivated
- You seek a professional career
- You are willing to sacrifice and delay payoff
- You are willing to put your studies/career first
- You can conform and accept constructive criticism
Types of programs offered:

- Ph.D. in psychology (counseling/clinical)
- Ph.D. in psychology (research)
- Psy.D.
- M.A. in psychology/ other areas
- Professional Masters degrees (education, social work, OT, PT, Audiology, SLP)
- Professional programs (Medicine/Law)
Financial assistance

- Scholarships (OGS, NSERC, SSHRC etc.)
- Grants from supervisors
- Teaching assistantships
- Guaranteed funding packages
- Personal and family finances
- Loans
How to prepare

- Figure out what you want to do
- Research admission requirements
- Select Programs and courses accordingly
Admission requirements

- Course choices
- GPA
- Admission tests GRE/LSAT/MCAT etc
- Letters of reference
- Experience (research and/or applied)
- Take seminars and get to know your professors
Resources

- University websites
- Directories of graduate programs
- Admission statistics
- APA Guide
- Canadian Guide
- Information sessions and career fairs
- Academic advising
- Career centre
- Professors and TAs
Questions

- My grades are too low; will I get in?
- What else can I do if I don’t get in?
- Should I stay for an extra year?
- How many schools should I apply to?
- I’m sick of school. Should I take a year off?
- I’m interested in many things; I’m not sure what I want to do.
- My family is putting on me pressure to graduate and get a job but I want to stay in school.
- Should I contact potential supervisors?
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