

Boğaziçi University Psychology
Department *Psychological Sciences*
Master's and PhD Programs



MA/ PhD Application Process

- ❖ Application Dates for 2020 Fall Semester:

March, 23 – May, 15 2020

- ❖ Online Application System: <http://adaylar.boun.edu.tr/en-EN/Home>

- ✓ **Everyone who satisfies the minimum requirements will be eligible for the written exam**, only those who pass the written exam will be eligible for the oral exam/interview.

MA Application

<http://www.adaylar.boun.edu.tr/en-EN/Page/Admissions/Graduate/Psychology>

M.A.

Quota	<p>*Psychology : 20 (There is no quota for English preparatory class)</p> <p>(There is no quota in the field of Social Psychology. Students will be admitted to the following specialisation areas: Psychology and Learning, Cognitive Psychology and Developmental Psychology.)</p> <p>*In Electronic Application System, select "Psychology (MS/MA)" program for all fields.</p>
GPA	2.75/4.00
ALES	Equal Weight: 70
GRE / GMAT	ALES Equal Weight 70 or [GRE Quantitative score of 153 and GRE Analytical Writing 3.5] is accepted.
English Proficiency	<p>BUEPT or</p> <p>TOEFL® 550, TWE 4.5 or</p> <p>TOEFL® (IBT) 79, TWE 22 or</p> <p>IELTS Academic Score: 6.5, Academic Writing Score: 6.5</p>

PhD Application

Ph.D.

Quota	<p>*Psychology : 5 (There is no quota for English preparatory class)</p> <p>(Students will be admitted to the following specialisation areas: Cognitive Psychology and Developmental Psychology.)</p> <p>*In Electronic Application System, select "Psychology (PHD)" program for all fields.</p>	<p>YDS/ÜDS/KPDS</p> <p>Minimum required score of 55 or an equivalent of it accepted by YÖK</p> <p>Note: As BUEPT / IELTS / two year exemption rule due to being our own graduate are not accepted by YÖK, they will not satisfy the YDS/ÜDS/KPDS requirement.</p> <p>For equivalent test scores determined by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) see:</p> <p>http://dokuman.gov.tr/pd66kumans/2016/GENEL_EngelereYaklasim2016.pdf</p>
GPA	3.00/4.00	
ALES	Equal Weight: 70	Official Transcript
GRE / GMAT	ALES Equal Weight 70 or [GRE Quantitative score of 153 and Analytical Writing 3.5] or GMAT score of 500 is accepted.	<p>Diploma</p> <p>An undergraduate degree diploma or a graduation document.</p> <p>A graduate degree diploma or a graduation document. Those who have not graduated yet, must submit an official letter indicating that they are expected to graduate.</p>
English Proficiency	<p>BUEPT or</p> <p>TOEFL® 550, TWE 4.5 or</p> <p>TOEFL® (IBT) 79, TWE 22 or</p> <p>IELTS Academic Score: 6.5, Academic Writing Score: 6.5</p>	<p>Student disciplinary record</p> <p>Required for applicants holding a degree from a university in Turkey.</p>

PhD Application

Other

Details about Research Proposal:

- The subject of research proposal should be determined by the applicant and the proposal should be developed independently by the applicant.
 - The proposal is expected to be a maximum of 3000 words, excluding references.
 - The expectation is that proposal is having high original value and being theoretically meaningful and feasible.
 - A detailed literature review should be provided in the research proposal. Aim (or aims) of the project and the method(s) proposed in the research and the approach to analyze the data should be clearly explained.
 - Research proposal must include an abstract of 150-200 words and must be complied with APA guidelines.
- Candidates are advised to write to psy@boun.edu.tr and consult the project proposal format.

MA/PhD Application

<http://www.adaylar.boun.edu.tr/en-EN/Page/Admissions/Graduate/Psychology>

Statement of Purpose Required, written in English.

Departmental Exams

Written Exam Date: ~~4 May 2020~~ June 1, 2020

Written Exam Hour/Place: 09.00-16.00 / NH 303, NH

402, NH 403, NH 404, EF-06

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Oral Exam/Interview Date/ Hour : ~~4 May 2020~~ June 10, 11

Oral Exam/Interview Place : 09.00-18.50 / Psychology

Seminar Room

9:00-17:00 / ZOOM

Reference letter Two letters

Make sure you **clearly write on top of your Statement of Purpose** which sub-discipline

(Biopsychology or Cognitive Psychology or Developmental Psychology)

you are applying for under the Psychological Sciences.

Contact Person

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MA PROGRAMS

- ❖ **Psychological Sciences** (marked as “Psychology” on the online application system)
 - ❖ Neuroscience/ Biopsychology
 - ❖ Cognitive Psychology
 - ❖ Developmental Psychology

Quota: 20 (No quota for English preparatory class)

MA Application: ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

❖ **English Proficiency:**

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 IELTS Academic 6.5, Academic Writing: 6.5

- If you do not have ALES*/GRE or English proficiency scores ready by April 10, your acceptance will be “conditional acceptance” and you will be required to deliver the documents until the 25th August, 2020 to the Admission Office.

**You can choose only “ALES-May” in the application system. Later ones are not accepted.*

MA Application Criteria

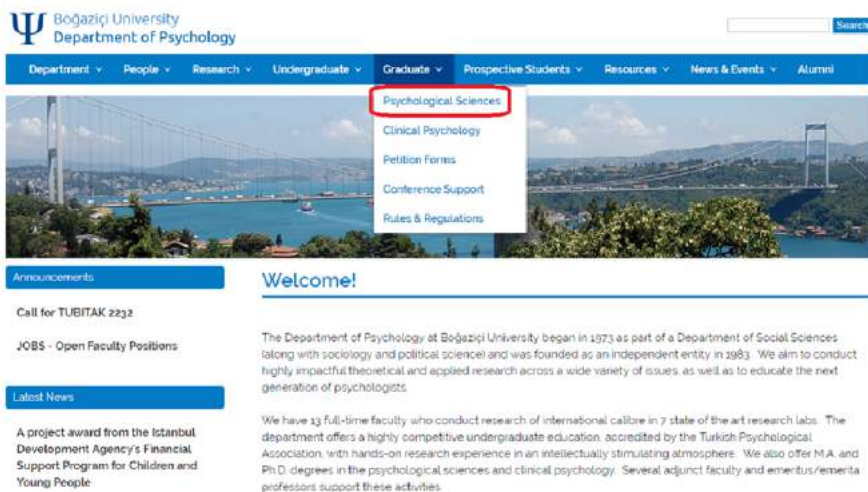
❖ GPA \geq 2.75

from the last graduated program (undergraduate or graduate)

❖ Remedial: 1-year “fast-track” undergraduate program for those who with a non-Psychology background, sometimes even for those with a Psychology BA which is not up to our level...

Psychological Sciences MA Program

<https://psychology.boun.edu.tr/?q=content/ma-psychological-sciences>



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Welcome!

The Department of Psychology at Boğaziçi University began in 1973 as part of a Department of Social Sciences (along with sociology and political science) and was founded as an independent entity in 1983. We aim to conduct highly impactful theoretical and applied research across a wide variety of issues, as well as to educate the next generation of psychologists.

We have 13 full-time faculty who conduct research of international caliber in 7 state-of-the-art research labs. The department offers a highly competitive undergraduate education, accredited by the Turkish Psychological Association, with hands-on research experience in an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. We also offer M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the psychological sciences and clinical psychology. Several adjunct faculty and emeritus/emerita professors support these activities.

Psychological Sciences MA Program



M.A. in Psychological Sciences

The Master's degree program in Psychological Sciences is designed to prepare the students for an academic career by providing a basis for continued advanced studies. The program offers a specialization in **Developmental Psychology**, **Cognitive Psychology**, **Social Psychology** and **Psychobiology** and Learning. The program in Psychological Sciences is for two years: in the first year, the students are expected to complete all the course requirements (28 credits), and in the second year to prepare a thesis based on original research.

Please check the [MA flowchart by clicking here](#)

Please check the [PsychSci MA student guide by clicking here](#).

Some critical points:

- Accepted graduate students are expected to be full-time students; even working part-time is impossible due to the denseness of the MA Program,
- Professors often do have grants to fund at least some of the incoming students around the 2nd term;

Psychological Sciences MA Program



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY / PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES MA PROGRAM

First Semester		Cr	ECTS
PSY 501	Adv. Res. Meth. I	4	8
PSY 504	Research Projects in Psych I	4	8
PSY 5xx	Elective in Area I	4	8
PSY 579	Graduate Seminar	0	4
Second Semester			
PSY 502	Adv. Res. Meth. II	4	8
PSY 505	Research Projects in Psych II	4	8
PSY 5xx	Elective in Area II	4	8
PSY 5xx	Elective in Area III	4	8
Third Semester			
PSY 690.xx*	Thesis	0	30
Fourth Semester			
PSY 690.xx*	Thesis	0	30
Total		28	120

PHD Programs



Psychological Sciences

- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology

❖ Quota: 5 (*No quota for English preparatory class*)

PHD Programs: Research Proposal



- In English (max. 3000 words)
- High in originality, theoretically meaningful, and doable;
- Abstract with 150-200 words, literature review, method, quantitative analysis proposal;
- APA style
- *For more questions* psy@boun.edu.tr

Psychological Sciences PHD Program

- Students are expected to complete 7 courses over a maximum of 2 years, and upon passing the qualifications, they are expected to carry out dissertation related research.
- The 7 course requirements include 3 research project courses and 4 MA and PhD-level seminar type courses.
- There are some funding opportunities available. Please contact the director of Psychological Sciences Doctoral Program [Ayşecan Boduroğlu](#) for more information about the program.

PsychSci MA/PhD Faculty



İnci Ayhan
Perception
Assistant Professor

Chair, Cognitive Science
Program
First-year student advisor



Ayşecan Boduroğlu
Cognitive
Professor

Director of Psychological
Sciences Ph.D. Program
Third-year student advisor



Feyza Çorapçı
Clinical / Developmental
Professor

Director of Clinical Psychology
Ph.D. Program
Third-year student advisor



Elif Aysimi Duman
Biopsychology
Assistant Professor



Esra Mungan
Cognitive
Assistant Professor

Director of Exchange &
Erasmus Programs
Director of Psychological
Sciences M.A. Program



Gaye Soley
Developmental
Assistant Professor

On leave during the 2019-2020
academic year. (Accepting
graduate students for Fall 2020)



Deniz Tahiroğlu
Developmental
Assistant Professor

Vice Department Chair
Fourth-year student advisor



Ali İ. Tekcan
Cognitive
Professor

Provost



Güneş Ünal
Neuroscience
Assistant Professor

Vice Chair, Cognitive Science
Program
Member, Center for Life
Sciences & Technologies



Nur Soylu Yalçınkaya
Social
Assistant Professor

Second-year student advisor

<http://www.psychology.boun.edu.tr/people.html>

Research Facilities

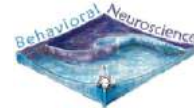
- ❖ Our department offers opportunity to do research in all the sub-fields of the psychology.
- ❖ **7 research laboratories** in 6 different fields:
 - Behavioral Neuroscience Lab
 - PsychoEpiGenetics Lab
 - Visual Perception Lab
 - Cognitive Processes Lab
 - Baby & Child Development Lab (on cognitive-social development)
 - Developmental Lab (on social-emotional development)
 - Social Lab

Research:

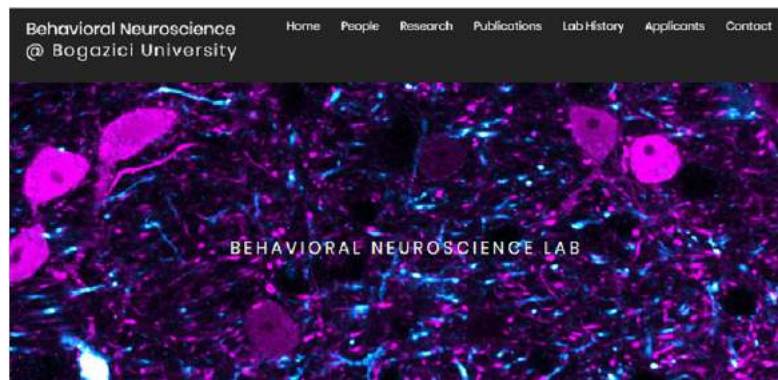
- Is funded by TÜBİTAK, TÜBA, BAGEP, İSTKA and Boğaziçi University Funds.
- Joint research projects with the research teams from abroad (Michigan, Leeds, U of Texas, Purdue, SUNY, NYU, Univ. College London, Oxford, Boston, Harvard)

Behavioral Neuroscience Laboratory

Faculty Member: Asst. Prof. Güneş Ünal



<https://neuroscience.boun.edu.tr/>



Psychoepigenetics Laboratory

Faculty Member: Asst. Prof. Elif Aysimi Duman <https://peglab.boun.edu.tr/>



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Welcome to PegLab!

About Us

PsychoEpiGenetics Laboratory (PEG Lab) was established as a research laboratory of the Psychology Department in 2015.

The main research focus of PEG Lab is investigating the role of psychological and genetic factors and their interactions on human behavior. Current emphasis is on the effect of these interactions on individuals' stress response systems and vulnerability or resilience to psychological disorders. In order to understand the possible underlying mechanisms of these interactions, investigation of epigenetic modifications, such as changes in DNA methylation, is also among research interests of the lab.

News & Announcements

We organized Symposium of Healthy Living during and after Pregnancy!

Poster presentation in ISPNE 2015

Our abstract is accepted to SRCD 2017


Abstract submission to SRCD 2017


Poster presentation in ISPNE 2016

[More](#)

Visual Perception Laboratory

Faculty Member: Asst. Prof. İnci Ayhan <https://visionlab.boun.edu.tr/en>

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Prof. Patrick Haggard's visit to our lab

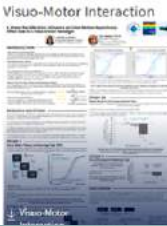
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 9 2017

We are happy to announce that our symposium proposal on "The spatial character of temporal processes" has been accepted to take place in this year's European Conference on Visual Perception (EVP 2018). Details will soon appear on our website.
- Aug 20 2017

We have recently been awarded a grant by TÜBİTAK for a project on "Motion-Induced Pericities in the Visual System"
- Jul 7 2017

A. Meriç Kurtcan has successfully defended her thesis on "Temporal Expectation Perception and Action Dynamics"



Visuo-Motor Interaction

ABOUT US

Bogaziçi University Vision Laboratory is a research unit founded under the Department of Psychology in 2015 with the contribution of Bogaziçi University Scientific Research Projects Start-Up Funding Scheme awarded to Dr. İnci Ayhan as principal investigator. Committed to the interdisciplinary research of human vision, our lab team consists of [cognitive science](#) master students, as well as graduate and undergraduate [psychology](#) students.

Our ongoing projects mainly focus on the psychophysical investigation of time perception, visuo-motor interaction, scene recognition, motion prediction and amblyopia/strabismic bias. We are also connected to the Department of Computer Engineering via collaborative computational work and to the Department of Philosophy via reading groups and co-supervised thesis projects. Our international collaborators include Prof. Ellen Johnson, Dr. Shinya Nishida and Prof. Johannes Zanker.

[Research Areas](#)

Cognitive Processes Laboratory

Faculty Members: Prof. Ali İ.Tekcan, Prof. Ayşecan Boduroğlu, Asst. Prof. Esra Mungan

<https://bouncoglab.wordpress.com/>



Cognitive Processes Laboratory

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Home

Welcome to our **Cognitive Processes Laboratory website**.

In Cognitive Processes Laboratory, we are doing mainly basic but also some applied research.

Our main areas of research are autobiographical memory, working memory, visual/spatial working memory, memory for music, collective memory, metamemory, and culture and cognition as well as memory processes in psychopathology and levels of awareness.

The laboratory is used in support of our [Psychological Sciences Ph.D](#) and [M.A. Programs](#), and [Cognitive Science MA program](#) is offering experimental research experience for students at the undergraduate level.

Some of our equipments and tools are E-Prime 1.0 / E-Prime 2.0, E-Prime Extension for TOBII, and TOBII 1750 Eye Tracker & ClearView Analysis Software, SuperLab 3.0, SONY CMT GPX7 Audio Shelf System, MediaLab v2010, DirectRT v2011, and web-based survey tools.

Baby & Child Developmental Laboratory

Faculty Member: Asst. Prof. Gaye Soley

<https://bcl.boun.edu.tr>



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2019 Newsletter containing our study results is published!

About Us

The Baby and Child Development Laboratory (BCL) is a research laboratory in the Department of Psychology at Boğaziçi University. Our research is focused on the social cognitive development of children aged 0 to 10 years.

[Our Research](#)



Why Participate?

We have a much better understanding of how infants and children perceive the world and how their minds and abilities develop thanks to the families who have volunteered to participate in ongoing research in these fields.

By participating in our studies, you will not only contribute to the body of scientific research in these fields but also witness how such research is conducted and have the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the field.

[How can you participate?](#)

Methods We Use

In studies we conduct with infants aged 6 to 15 months, we present babies with video clips while they are seated in their parents' lap and measure how long they will watch the people or events in the clips.

In studies with children aged 3-12 years, we introduce children to some simple drawings or photographs of characters and ask some questions about these characters.

[Current studies](#)

What To Expect at BCL

A typical visit to our lab lasts around 30-45 minutes.

- Greeting and info session about the study you will participate (10-15 min)
- Individual study with your child (10-15 min)
- Subsequent info session about our hypotheses/preliminary findings (10-15 min)

You can be with your child throughout the entire visit and observe his or her reactions and responses during the study.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

(Soc-Emot) Developmental Psychology Laboratory

Faculty Members: Prof. Feyza Çorapçı, Asst. Prof. Deniz Tahiroğlu, Prof. Ayhan Aksu-Koç*

<https://psychology.boun.edu.tr/content/developmental-lab>

Developmental Lab

Welcome to Developmental Lab



Research Focus

- The lab focuses on social, emotional, and cognitive development in early childhood and preschool period. The lab hosts research in the areas of socio-emotional development in preschoolers, cultural differences in emotion expression and emotion regulation in early childhood, home and daycare chaos, working memory development between 24-36 months, and children's language acquisition processes.

* Part-time faculty

Thesis Samples

Cognitive Psychology

with the supervision of Prof. Ali İ. Tekcan

- Investigating autobiographical memory in relation to attachment anxiety and avoidance: Self-defining memories across relational context* – Müge Özbek Akçay
- The role of direct and generative retrieval in access to involuntary and voluntary autobiographical memories* – Pınar Ersoy

with the supervision of Prof. Ayşecan Boduroğlu

- Temporal processing of visual information and its influence on visual working memory representation*– Turgut Coşkun
- The role of self-referencing on feeling of knowing judgments*- Didem Pehlivanoglu

with the supervision of Asst. Prof. Esra Mungan

- Tonal grounds for short term melody recognition in 5-tone sequences* – Alperen Karan
- Rethinking rhythm in language and music: Can duration prime rhythm in metrical speech?* – Züheyra Tokaç

Thesis Samples

Developmental Psychology

with the supervision of Prof. Feyza Çorapçı

- *Effects of second language exposure in the preschool context on first language skills and executive functions of 4 and 5 year olds – Aşlı Aktan Erciyes*

with the supervision of Asst. Prof. Gaye Soley

- *The role of inter-group biases in children's acquisition of information about others' personality characteristics – Pınar Aldan*

Thesis Samples

Social Psychology

with the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Adil Sarıbay

- *An investigation of the reciprocal relationship between cognitive style and political ideology – Onurcan Yılmaz*
- *The effects of political ideology on interpersonal interaction: does exposure to opposing ideology lead to resource depletion? – Irmak Olcaysoy Ökten*

Biopsychology

with the supervision of Asst. Prof. Elif Aysimi Duman

- *The effect of socioeconomic status and 5-HTTLPR on preschoolers' social competence and diurnal cortisol levels – R. Nehir Mavioğlu*

Future career opportunities with MA degree in PsychSci...

- ❖ Academic Career...
- ❖ Public Opinion Research Firms
- ❖ Human Resources
- ❖ Schools / Kindergartens
- ❖ Other Educational Institutions
- ❖ ...

MA Graduates who are current PhD students abroad

- ❖ Pınar Aldan, MA ('19) - Yale University, PhD (Developmental)
- ❖ Züheyra Tokaç, MA ('19) - Northwestern, PhD (Cognitive)
- ❖ Mustafa Fırat, M.A. ('19) - University of Alberta, Ph.D. (Social)
- ❖ Nehir Mavioğlu, M.A. ('18) – Ulm University, Ph.D. (Biological)
- ❖ Erdem Ozan Meral, M.A. ('17) – Tilburg University (Social)
- ❖ Müge Özbek, M.A. ('14) – Aarhus University, Ph.D. (Cognitive)
- ❖ Yelda Semizer, M.A. ('13) – Rutgers University, Ph.D. (Cognitive)
- ❖ Irmak Olcaysoy, M.A. ('12) – Lehigh University, Ph.D. (Social)
- ❖ Didem Pehlivanoğlu, M.A. ('12) – Georgia Institute of Technology, Ph.D. (Cognitive)
- ❖ Burcu Ünlütak, M.A. ('12) – Lehigh University, Ph.D. (Psycholinguistics)
- ❖ Ceren Günsoy, M.A. ('11) – Iowa State University, Ph.D. (Social)

MA Graduates who are current PhD students abroad



- ❖ Taha Bilge, M.A. ('10) – Vanderbilt University, Ph.D. (Cognitive)
- ❖ Onur İyilikçi, M.A. ('09)–Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D. (Neuroscience)
- ❖ Güneş Kutlu, M.A. ('08)–Duke University, Ph.D. (Behavioral Neuroscience)
- ❖ ...

Many are now faculty members at different universities in Turkey, including our own, and abroad..