Psychology M.S.

For the graduate programs in Clinical Psychology, Family Therapy, School Psychology, and Industrial/Organizational Psychology, please see their respective sections.

The graduate program in Psychology leads to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree. The program is a vehicle for advanced study of human behavior and provides students with a variety of theoretical perspectives from across psychology such as social, cognitive, developmental, and neuroscience. The program is designed for students planning to work in social service or research centers, teach at the community college level, or pursue doctoral programs.

The Master of Science in Psychology requires 36 hours with a thesis or project as the master's option or 39 hours with the internship or comprehensive exam as the master's option. Any undergraduate prerequisite hours not completed before enrollment will become additional requirements. Concentrations are available in the following areas: Human Factors Psychology, Applied Social Issues, and Behavioral Neuroscience. Students accepted into concentration areas may be required to take additional hours. For more information about concentration opportunities, refer to individual concentration sections in this catalog.

All applicants must submit a GRE score. For applicants whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.00 a combination of GPA and GRE must at least meet HSH Admission requirements listed under "Admission into an HSH program of study" in this catalog.

Prerequisites

The following prerequisites are required for this degree.

1. PSYC 2301 or equivalent (three hours).
2. Course in statistics. Students whose undergraduate work does not include three hours in statistics must take PSYC 4370 or PSYC 4371.
3. Students are expected to demonstrate graduate-level writing ability. Those students whose writing is deemed unacceptable will be advised to take remedial courses.

Grades

Only grades of B- or better will count toward the Master of Science in Psychology. Grades of C+ or below are not acceptable.

Degree Requirements

### Research and Statistics (6 hours)

Choose TWO of the following courses.

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### Psychology Core (12 hours)

Choose FOUR of the following courses. For PSYC 5031, the following may be substituted: PSYC 5038, PSYC 5039, PSYC 5437, or SOCI 5437. For PSYC 5532, the following course maybe substituted: SOCI 5532.

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Electives (12 hours)

Twelve additional hours are selected from Psychology and/or other relevant disciplines. Up to nine hours may be come from a combination of ANTH, CRCL, or SOCI. Courses from other disciplines may be approved by the faculty adviser.

Master’s Option

Choose ONE of the following options. For thesis and project, complete 6 hours. For internship, complete 6 hours plus PSYC 5135. For comprehensive exam, complete one additional Psychology core course, one additional PSYC elective, and PSYC 5135.

Additional Information

Thesis, project, and internship options require considerable advance planning. Students may have to meet additional criteria before being permitted to begin one of these options. Students desiring one of these options must make arrangements with a faculty adviser at least one semester in advance. The university reserves the right to deny admittance to or to remove a student from a specific internship. Students are not entitled to participate in a thesis or project. A psychology faculty member must agree to supervise a thesis or project and may choose to cease supervision if a student does not make satisfactory progress. Master's projects, theses, and internships require continuous registration during each fall and spring semester until completion for a minimum of six hours. If students do not maintain continuous registration in the master's project, thesis, or internship, previously accumulated master's option credits will not count toward the master's degree.

Completion of PSYC 5135 is a prerequisite for all PSYC internships. This course is in addition to the 36 hours of Research and Statistics, the Psychology core, Electives, and Internship for a total of 39 hours.

A coursework with comprehensive exam option is available to students. In addition to the Research and Statistics courses, students should complete 15 hours of Psychology core, 15 hours of Electives, PSYC 5135, and PSYC 6909 in the last semester of the degree. The comprehensive exam will consist of questions from the five core courses in psychology and research/statistics, therefore, it is suggested that no course substitution be made.