

PSYCHOLOGY, MA

The department requires that students entering the PhD program without a Master's degree earn their MA while enrolled in the PhD program.

Admission Requirements

Students applying for graduate work in psychology must present at a minimum undergraduate courses in general psychology, statistics, and experimental psychology (or research methods). In addition, it is desirable for students to have prior coursework in a laboratory science (particularly biology), college mathematics, and in the area of their intended concentration.

Applications for admission to graduate study must be accompanied by Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores (the advanced section is recommended for clinical applicants). Admission is competitive and is influenced by the overall quality of the applicant's record, including grades, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, past experience, and match between the students and faculty interests. The application deadline is December 1 for the clinical psychology program and December 15 for the experimental psychology program. Complete applications must be received by these deadlines to ensure full consideration for admission for the following term.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Degree Requirements

Students earn the MA degree en route to the PhD. The MA degree is awarded after 24 credit hours of coursework, 6 credit hours of thesis, and an approved completed thesis. The 24 hours of coursework may vary by focus area, but must include the following:

| Code and Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | |
| PY 602 Advanced Statistics I | 3 |
| PY 607 Research Methods Psych | 3 |
| Required Major Course Options | 12 |
| PY 600-699 | |
| Thesis Course | |
| PY 599 Thesis Research | 6 |
| Total Hours | 24 |