

M.A. in Psychology

Students enrolled in the M.A. in Psychology receive a mix of theoretical and applied coursework. The program is designed to provide a broad grounding in psychological principles and practice that ready the student for work in related fields or for continued education at the doctoral level.

Admission to the M.A. Program

Applicants to the M.A. program must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credits of psychology, including statistics, with a grade-point average of at least 2.75. In addition, they must submit letters of recommendation from two professors. Admission to the M.A. program in no way implies acceptance into the Ph.D. program. Nonetheless, outstanding master's degree candidates are admitted into doctoral courses with the permission of the directors of both programs, and some M.A. graduates are accepted into the Ph.D. program. Both graduate programs are committed to increasing the enrollment of aspiring minority students.

All applicants to the Ph.D. program who were not accepted for admission to the Ph.D. program will have their applications automatically forwarded to the M.A. program for review and possible admission.

M.A. Degree Requirements and Time Limits

The M.A. program is ordinarily completed in one and one half to two years of intensive study. The time limit for the M.A. degree is five years. Candidates must have completed 33 credits, which includes an acceptable thesis (10 courses plus Psychology 709M, Master's Thesis Supervision), or 36 credits (12 courses) and pass a written comprehensive examination. These courses must be successfully completed before registration for the comprehensive examination. Credit for courses taken outside the Psychology Department must be approved by the Master's Program Director and will be limited to a maximum of six credits.

Curriculum for M.A. Degree

The typical curriculum for the M.A. degree consists of 600-level courses designated by the letter M, which are offered in weekday late afternoon, evening or weekend classes. Some Psychology courses are open to both M.A. and Ph.D. students without prerequisite.

The following core courses are required for all M.A. degree candidates:

Psychology 616M, 617M Statistical and Research Methodology I, II
 Psychology 603M Contemporary Psychological Theories
 Psychology 665M Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology

M.A. in Psychology Plan Requirements

M.A. in Psychology Core Course Requirements

Twelve (12) Credits Required.

PSY	603M	Contemporary Psychological Theories	3.00
PSY	616M	Statistical and Research Methodology I	3.00
PSY	617M	Statistical and Research Methodology II	3.00
PSY	665M	Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology	3.00

M.A. in Psychology Course Requirements

At least Twenty-seven (27) Credits From Psychology Masters Courses

M.A. in Psychology Non-Thesis Option

Thirty Six (36) Total Credits Required

Non-Thesis Option

Six (6) Additional Credits in Psychology
 Written Comprehensive Examination

M.A. in Psychology Thesis Option

Thirty Three (33) Total Credits Required

Thesis Option

Three (3) Credits From Psychology 709M