

# PSYCHOLOGY, MASTER OF SCIENCE

## Overview

The first cohort will be admitted for the Fall 2023 semester.

The Master of Science degree with a major in Psychology provides graduate training in the psychological sciences that prepares students for further study in doctoral programs as well as professional careers in a variety of fields. Students may choose from a thesis and a non-thesis option. The focus of the non-thesis option is upon the breadth of knowledge in psychology; whereas, the thesis option is focused on producing empirical studies or other substantial work that moves the discipline forward by generating new knowledge. Because the non-thesis option does not involve time-intensive knowledge generation required for a thesis, it instead allows students to gain extra breadth through taking more courses.

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## Admissions

Minimum admissions requirements include: (1) a B.A. or B. S. in psychology or a related field with a GPA of 2.75 or higher, and (2) scores in the 40th percentile or better on the verbal, quantitative, and analytical sections of the GRE. International applicants must demonstrate English proficiency by scoring a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 79 (Internet-based).

## Program Requirements

### Program Details

There are two tracks in the program - a Thesis Track and a Non-Thesis Track. Students pursuing the degree should consult with their thesis advisor and declare for one of the two tracks at the time of application. Of the 30-36 SCH to fulfill the coursework required to graduate, students declaring the Thesis Track will have a 6 SCH allotted for a research thesis; whereas, those in the Non-Thesis Track will have a maximum of 3 SCH allotted for a capstone project that includes a major area paper.

- Thesis Track: Submission of a thesis based on the in-depth analysis of a research study. The thesis should conform to the format required by the Psychology program.
- Non-Thesis Track: Capstone project that includes a major area paper. The paper will need to conform to the format required by the Psychology program.

### Non-Thesis Track

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
PSYC 5301	Research Methods and Design	3
PSYC 5302	Statistics	3
PSYC 5303	Ethics	3
One from Biological Aspects of Behavior		3
PSYC 5310	Developmental Psychology	

PSYC 5311	Biopsychology	
One from Cognition and Learning		3
PSYC 5312	Learning	
PSYC 5313	Cognition	
One from Social Psychology and Emotion		3
PSYC 5314	Social Psychology	
PSYC 5315	Motivation and Emotion	
One from History and Systems		3
PSYC 5316	History and Systems	
PSYC 5317	Psychological Assessment	
Electives		12
Capstone Project		
PSYC 5304	Capstone Project	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

### Thesis Track

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
PSYC 5301	Research Methods and Design	9
PSYC 5302	Statistics	
PSYC 5303	Ethics	
One from Biological Aspects of Behavior		3
PSYC 5310	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 5311	Biopsychology	
One from Cognition and Learning		3
PSYC 5312	Learning	
PSYC 5313	Cognition	
One from Social Psychology and Emotion		3
PSYC 5314	Social Psychology	
PSYC 5315	Motivation and Emotion	
One from History and Systems		3
PSYC 5316	History and Systems	
PSYC 5317	Psychological Assessment	
Electives		3
Thesis (Two Semesters Required)		
PSYC 5304	Capstone Project	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>