

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students can complete the 30-credit program by choosing either the thesis or the comprehensive exam option.

General Requirements:

ALL students must meet requirements 1-4, as well as the specific requirements for the thesis or comprehensive track, in order to earn the Master's degree:

- 1) An overall graduate grade-point average of 3.0 or better.
- 2) Required: PSY 500: Design and Analysis in Psychology (3 credits)

This course will give you an overview on the standard methods and statistical approaches in Psychology. Students completing the thesis track will build on this in PSY 589, and with their thesis advisor in PSY 590 and 591, learning research approaches and statistical techniques specific to their subfield.

- 3) Psychology Elective Group 1: Completion of at least one of the following (3 credits):
 - PSY 501: Thinking and Learning
 - PSY 503: Cognition and Memory
 - PSY 504: Topics in Perception
 - PSY 505: Contemporary Theories of Motivation
 - PSY 583: Seminar in Comparative Physiological Psychology
- 4) Psychology Elective Group 2: Completion of at least one of the following (3 Credits):
 - PSY 502: Problems in Psychology
 - PSY 512: Theories and Issues in Developmental Psychology
 - PSY 517: Seminar in Social Psychology
 - PSY 526: Theories and Research in Personality

All students must complete one course from each of these groupings. There is typically one from each group offered every fall and spring semester. As this is a general Psychology MA program, we require students to complete courses from these groupings to ensure breadth in the material they are exposed to in the field of psychology.

- 5) Additional course requirements to 30 credits
 - Requirements for the Comprehensive Exam Option:
 - a) Seven Additional Courses (21 credits). These can include any of additional courses from Group 1 and 2 above, additional PSY graduate courses, and up to two graduate courses from other departments.
 - b) The comprehensive exam: Students must return their application to the Psychology Graduate Coordinator, indicating their selected sections for the exam. They must pass the exam with an average of a C to graduate.

Requirements for the Thesis Option:

- a) Three Thesis Courses: PSY 589: Thesis Seminar (3 Credits)
 PSY 590: Thesis Proposal (3 Credits)
 PSY 591: Thesis (3 Credits)

- b) Four Additional Courses (12 credits). These can include any of additional courses from Group 1 and 2 above, additional PSY graduate courses, and up to two graduate courses from other departments.

- c) Present and submit the thesis proposal to their thesis committee (advisor, assigned member of the Graduate Committee, and one additional reader decided by the advisor and student)

- d) Submit the final version of the thesis to their thesis committee and to the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.