Psychology, MS

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Psychology

The MS program in psychology offered by the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences has two main options. One is an intensive, research-oriented program culminating in a thesis or applied project. Students receive training in advanced research methodology and statistical analysis, grant proposal writing, laboratory instrumentation, data collection and manuscript development. Students gain first-hand exposure to designing and conducting research, analyzing data and developing presentations and manuscripts. Students are encouraged to present research reports at professional meetings and conferences and to publish as co-authors in faculty-guided research. This option is ideal for students who plan to pursue doctoral work or careers that involve psychological research methods such as marketing research, education research analysis, public policy analysis, research project management or program evaluation.

The program option offered online is designed to give students and working professionals an understanding of psychological theory and empirical research findings as they relate to human behavior, cognition, emotion, and attitudes. The coursework is designed to help students learn about the various roles of psychologists in society today and discover which they might like to pursue through careers in education, social service, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, management, or through additional graduate training.

Elective courses in all options are offered in several areas, including abnormal psychology, affective science, behavior analysis, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, health psychology, legal psychology, psychophysiology and social psychology.

At a Glance
Degree Requirements

36 credit hours and a thesis, or
36 credit hours including the required applied project course (PSY 593), or
36 credit hours including the required capstone course (PSY 553)

**Required Core (6 credit hours)**
PSY 502 Professional Issues in Psychology (3)
PSY 515 Quantitative Analysis I (3)

**IN-PERSON DELIVERY OPTIONS:**
Research (9 credit hours)
PSY 500 Research Methods (3)
PSY 592 Research (6)

THESIS OPTION:
Other Requirement (6 credit hours)
PSY 516 Quantitative Analysis II (3)
PSY 517 Quantitative Analysis III (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)
PSY 599 Thesis (6)

APPLIED PROJECT OPTION:
Other Requirement (3 credit hours)
PSY 516 Quantitative Analysis II (3)

Electives (12 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)
PSY 593 Applied Project (6)

ONLINE DELIVERY OPTION:
Research (3 credit hours)
PSY 500 Research Methods (3)

Electives (24 credit hours)
Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
PSY 553 Capstone in General Psychology (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students choose one of three program options culminating in a thesis, applied project or capstone course. The capstone course option is only for students in the online program. Thesis and applied project options are for in-person program students.

Students completing a thesis or applied project must complete PSY 516 Quantitative Analysis II. In addition, thesis students will take PSY 517 Quantitative Analysis III and only nine credit hours of electives.

Students completing the capstone course (PSY 553) must take 24 credit hours of elective coursework and will not complete PSY 516 Quantitative Analysis II nor any PSY 592 coursework.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in applicable master's degree program. Priority is given to applicants who have achieved a 3.25 GPA or higher.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. GRE scores (combined minimum verbal and quantitative score of 300)
5. three letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.
At the time of application, students must identify the culminating experience that they wish to pursue. Students applying to the capstone course option will only be considered for the online program. Students applying to the thesis or applied project option will only be considered for the in-person program.

Applicants must provide evidence of successful completion of an undergraduate (or graduate) social science statistics and research methods course.

The statement of purpose should describe the educational background, scholarly interests, and academic and professional goals of the applicant.

It is preferred that the letters of recommendation are from faculty members who know the applicant's work well; if these are not available, then recommendations should be from individuals in supervisory or professional roles. Three letters of recommendation are required for applications to the ground option and two letters of recommendation are required for applicants to the online option.

Applicants for the applied project or thesis program option (offered face to face) are required to submit a GRE score. Priority is given to applicants who have achieved a 305 or higher on the GRE.

For students applying to the capstone course option offered in the online delivery of the program, submission of GRE scores are recommended but not required.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Application Deadlines**

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