

PSYCHOLOGY

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 Certificates: Cognitive Psychology
 Health Psychology
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Psychology is the study of human and animal behavior. Graduate training in Psychology entails in-depth exploration and understanding of the core foundations of the biological bases of behavior, the social bases of behavior, the acquired bases of behavior, and the individual bases of behavior. As a scientific discipline, the study of psychology also requires competence in research methodology, statistics, and critical thinking. Psychology is also an applied discipline, with applications in clinical health and mental health settings, business settings, and educational settings. Students completing a master's degree in Psychology will be prepared to pursue a wide range of careers at the master's level or to pursue advanced training at the doctoral level.

There are several areas of concentration in the master's degree program: General Psychology, Counseling Psychology (Licensure and Non-Licensure Options), and Industrial-Organizational Psychology. Students seeking to complete the M.A. degree in Psychology must meet the general University requirements, the Psychology department graduate core requirements, and the specialized requirements of the student's chosen area of concentration. The student also has the option of fulfilling requirements for a certificate in Cognitive Psychology or Health Psychology, within the requirements for the master's degree.

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the M.A. in Psychology must meet the requirements listed below.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this *Catalog*.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for admission for summer and fall semesters are due on the preceding February 1. This application deadline is for the Department of Psychology only, and supersedes all other published deadlines. Files completed after the published deadline may not be reviewed in time to enroll in the desired semester. However, a second review may be conducted following an April 1 deadline if space is available in the program. Each applicant must complete the University application and provide the Department of Psychology three letters of recommendation; scores on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE, taken within the last 5 years; a letter of intent indicating reasons and goals for pursuing the M.A. degree in psychology; and a completed departmental supplementary data form. Application files will not be complete and will not be reviewed if scores on the GRE are absent. Applicants can assume that their files are incomplete until they receive a letter from the department indicating that files are complete.

The following are the minimum admission requirements:

- A. A bachelor's degree in psychology (preferably) or a bachelor's degree with the completion of at least general/introductory psychology, experimental psychology, three semester hours of statistics, and a psychology course in the area of intended master's emphasis. Any of these requirements may be waived if the student demonstrates competence in the area. Although a student may be admitted with deficiencies, the requirements must be fulfilled before the student is admitted to any 6000-level course. In addition, certain graduate courses have specific undergraduate prerequisites.
- B. If admitted, students are required to have EXP 4404 or its equivalent to complete the Acquired Bases of Behavior core in the M.A. program.
- C. Students entering the Counseling Psychology concentration may be interviewed individually or within an applicant group.

Non-Degree Students

The department may be petitioned to apply up to 12 semester hours earned as a non-degree student toward the M.A. degree, if the student is later admitted into the graduate program.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate students should develop their degree plans with their advisors during the first semester of graduate work. All students must complete University requirements and a planned degree program of at least 42 semester hours with a 3.00 GPA and with these stipulations:

- A. Only 6 semester hours may be at the 3000- or 4000-level. Usually these hours may NOT be in psychology, especially prerequisites to the graduate program.
- B. Only with approval of the advisor may courses outside the psychology department (except required courses) be taken toward the total semester hours requirement.
- C. All students must complete PSY 6217; either STA 5206 or STA 5207 or STA 5166; and at least one course from each of the four core areas.
- D. Although 42 semester hours are required for the M.A., additional course work is necessary for students in the Licensed Mental Health Counselor specialization.

Psychology Graduate Core (12 sh)

Choose one course in each area.

Biological Bases of Behavior Core

CBH	5255	Comparative Behavior & Cognition	3
EXP	5208	Sensation & Perception	3
PSB	5035	Cognitive Neuroscience	3
PSB	6089	Brain & Mind: Fact & Fantasy	3

Social Bases of Behavior Core

SOP	5617	Modern Organizational Theory	3
SOP	5665	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	3
SOP	6069	Advanced Social Psychology	3
SOP	6669	Advanced Organizational Psychology	3

Acquired Bases of Behavior Core

EAB	5705	Advanced Behavior Modification	3
EXP	6506	Advanced Cognitive Psychology	3

Individual Bases of Behavior Core

DEP	5055	Developmental Psychology	3
PCO	6216	Theories of Individual Counseling	3
PPE	5055	Advanced Personality Theory	3

Toward the end of graduate work, the student must have an integrative experience consisting of 6 semester hours of PSY 6971 or PSY 6948 (PCO 6948 for counseling students). For each semester that the student is working on the thesis or internship, the student must register for at least one semester hour of thesis or internship credit. A maximum of 6 semester hours of thesis or internship credit may be counted toward the 42 semester hour degree requirement. Students doing an internship are required to submit a portfolio and paper as described in the *Psychology Graduate Student Handbook*. Upon completion of the thesis or internship, the student must present an oral defense to a master's committee of at least two psychology faculty members.

With the advisor's approval, a student may apply a maximum of 6 semester hours of graduate work taken at another university toward the degree. With the approval of the department chairperson, a maximum of 10 semester hours of transfer credit may be accepted toward the degree.

All master's work must have been taken within seven years preceding completion of the degree requirements or the student may be required to demonstrate currency, e.g., to pass an examination covering the expired course work.

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

The General Psychology concentration is designed for those students who wish to do graduate work in psychology in any area other than counseling or industrial-organizational psychology. Graduates may find employment in junior college teaching, industry, public agencies, and research centers (military, corporate, etc.).

The 42 semester hour curriculum provides depth in basic content areas (e.g. biological, cognitive, developmental, experimental), theory and experience in research design and implementation, and specialization through the selection of electives and thesis or internship topic. The program will prepare students to pursue a Ph.D. (for any area of psychology except industrial-organizational) or to enter many occupations requiring an M.A. degree.

With a faculty advisor, each student develops an individualized program. Courses used to meet departmental core requirements may not be used to meet general psychology specialization requirements. Examples of areas of possible student specialization include behavior modification, biological psychology, sensation and perception, developmental psychology, health psychology, cognitive science, and social psychology.

Concentration Courses (9 sh minimum)

CBH	5255	Comparative Behavior & Cognition	3
DEP	5055	Developmental Psychology	3
EAB	5705	Advanced Behavior Modification	3
EAB	5738	Behavioral Medicine	3
EXP	5208	Sensation & Perception	3

EXP	6506	Advanced Cognitive Psychology	3
PSB	5035	Cognitive Neuroscience	3
PSB	6089	Brain & Mind: Fact & Fantasy	3
PSY	5016	Conjunctive Psychology	2
PSY	5016L	Conjunctive Psychology Lab	1
SOP	6069	Advanced Social Psychology	3

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

The Counseling Psychology concentration is a non-licensure 42 semester hour graduate program designed primarily to prepare individuals for admission to a doctoral program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. Students must complete the core departmental requirements, taking PCO 6216 to meet the Individual Bases of Behavior portion of the core, and the following:

Concentration Courses (12 sh)

CLP	5166	Psychopathology	3
PCO	6206C	Ethical & Professional Issues in Counseling	3
PCO	6246	Theories of Group Counseling	3
Graduate elective course			3

Application Courses (12 sh)

PCO	6946	Practicum in Counseling	3
PCO	6948	Internship in Counseling	3
(Course offered 1-6 sh per semester)			
PSY	6971	Thesis	6
(Course offered 1-6 sh per semester)			

Students interested in seeking certification in Guidance and Counseling by the Florida Department of Education may do so by supplementing the course work described above. Students who do not hold a teaching certificate may have additional prerequisite course work. See your advisor for information on current requirements.

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

The Licensed Mental Health Counselor option is a 60-hour program with requirements comparable to the requirements established by the Florida state board for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor. Attainment of the degree does not entail conferral of the license, which is governed by the state licensing board. Upon graduation from the licensure option, the individual should be in a position to qualify to register with the state licensing board as an intern and to obtain the two year post-degree supervised experience required by the board for licensure. Students must complete the core departmental requirements, taking PCO 6216 to meet the Individual Bases of Behavior portion of the core, and the following:

Concentration Courses (9 sh)

CLP	5166	Psychopathology	3
PCO	6206C	Ethical & Professional Issues in Counseling	3
PCO	6246	Theories of Group Counseling	3

Application Courses (12 sh)

PCO	6946	Practicum in Counseling	3
PCO	6948	Internship in Counseling	9
(Course offered 1-6 sh per semester)			

Seven additional courses are required by the current Florida law in the areas of developmental psychology, human sexuality, vocational counseling, multicultural counseling, assessment, substance abuse, and community settings.

INDUSTRIAL-ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

The 42 semester hour Industrial-Organizational (I/O) concentration combines traditional personnel psychology (selection, performance appraisal, test construction and validation, fair employment practices, and legal issues) with the more interpersonal emphasis of organizational psychology (motivation, job satisfaction, leadership, interpersonal communication, organizational diagnosis, and change). Students select electives that will help them gain proficiency in areas of emphasis such as Personnel Psychology, Human Factors, or Organizational Development. The program includes an optional specialization in Organizational Development, offered in collaboration with the Department of Management and M.I.S. The curriculum meets the needs of students who plan to be employed at the master's level in organizational settings as well as those who wish to pursue a doctoral program in a related field at another university.

Concentration Courses (11 sh)

INP	6216	Personnel Selection & Appraisal	3
SOP	5609	Current Issues in Industrial-Organizational Psychology (2 semesters, 1 sh each)	2
SOP	6668	Organizational Change & Development	3

Choose one:

INP	6397	Management & Organizational Behavior	3
SOP	6669	Advanced Organizational Psychology	3

Additional Courses (10 sh)

Students must complete at least 10 semester hours of elective courses relevant to I/O and chosen in consultation with the advisor.

Recommended electives include INP 5131, INP 6255, INP 6325, INP 6944, SOP 5617, SOP 5665, SOP 6069, additional statistics, or courses in Organizational Development (OD) offered in collaboration with the Management Department. Students who choose to complete the ODL Certificate program should choose their electives to include the courses required by the Department of Management and Management Information Systems.