PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE - M.A.

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Description
The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Psychological Science is an intermediate degree required of students in the doctoral program and offers specialization in behavioral neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology, and health psychology.

The graduate programs in psychology are strongly research-oriented. Students are encouraged to become engaged in a variety of research projects.

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Admission Requirements
Applications for admission are accepted only from holders of a baccalaureate who aspire to the doctorate.

The M.A. requires a broad undergraduate preparation; research experience; junior-senior scholastic GPA average of 3.0; and 18 credit hours in psychology, which include a course in statistics and a broad background in psychology. Students also must submit a statement of goals and motivations for pursuing a career in psychology, official transcript(s), scores from the Graduate Record Examination, and three letters of recommendation.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 550 TOEFL score (79 on the Internet-based version), minimum 77 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 58 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the current theories and significant empirical findings in a major area of psychological science. Mastery includes acquiring both an understanding of these materials as well as the ability to think critically about them.
2. Teach courses in psychological science.
3. Supervise and mentor undergraduate students in both research settings and in the classroom.
4. Design, execute, analyze and report empirical studies that make a significant contribution in a major area of psychological science.

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

¹ Students pursuing the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology must take PSYC 61685. Students pursuing the Ph.D. in Psychological Science must take PSYC 62685.
² PSYC 61498 may be used to partially satisfy Additional Program Electives.

• First Year Project: Students pursuing the Ph.D. in Psychological Science must complete a first-year project and present it to faculty and graduate students during the fall of their 2nd year.

Graduation Requirements
Requirements for the M.A. degree are a minimum of 30 total credit hours, which include a basic core of required courses and a thesis. Additional courses are selected with the aid of an advisor. A limited number of courses outside the department may be credited toward the degree. No 50000-level psychology courses may be applied toward degree requirements for psychology majors.

The program requires full-time continuous enrollment including summers.