M.S. IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

REQUIRED COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS (6 CREDITS)


CORE COURSES (12 credits) Choose 1 from each of the following 4 cluster areas

Cluster 1: Learning and Motivation
___ PSY 512 Theories of Learning
___ PSY 516 Motivation
___ PSY 536 Behavioral Research & Ethics
___ PSY 540 History of Psychology

Cluster 2: Developmental and Social
___ PSY 527 Studies in the Psychology of Adolescence
___ PSY 529 Psychology of Successful Aging
___ PSY 533 Advanced Social Psychology
___ PSY 545 Psychological Development of the Child: Theories and Research
___ PSY 590 Intro to Group Dynamics

Cluster 3: Personality and Abnormal
___ PSY 515 Theories of Personality
___ PSY 518 Intro to Behavior Analysis
___ PSY 530 Studies in the Psychology of the Exceptional Child
___ PSY 534 Survey of Research in Abnormal Behavior
___ PSY 535 Behavioral Assessment
___ PSY 543 Behavioral Treatment and Systems Support

Cluster 4: Cognitive
___ PSY 531 Advanced Cognitive Psychology
___ PSY 565 Human Factors
___ PSY 570 Seminar in Cognitive Science

ELECTIVES (3-12 credits)
___ ___ PSY 594, 595, 596 Selected Topics
___ ___ Additional Cluster Courses (up to 4)
___ Declare Track (Before 3rd semester)

ADDITIONAL TRACK REQUIREMENTS

Research Track (9 credits) Applied Track (9 credits) General/Reading Track (9 credits)
___ Area Elective ___ Applied Elective ___ ___ ___ 9 credits of electives
___ PSY 612 Thesis I ___ PSY 621 Field Experience I ___ Comprehensive Exam
___ PSY 613 Thesis II ___ PSY 622 Field Experience II

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Graduate Program in Psychology  
M. S. in Psychological Science

Please note: The Psychology Department has changed its Graduate Program, effective Fall 2010. The degree that will be awarded is now an M.S. in Psychological Science and students must declare 1 of 3 tracks by the fall semester of their second year. Students who were actively participating in the graduate program prior to Fall 2010 may (1: complete the old program or 2: elect to move into one of the new tracks and graduate with the new degree). All students entering the Graduate Program in Fall 2010 or after, or students electing to move into the new program, will follow the new program guidelines described below.

The Psychology department offers a graduate degree in Psychological Science. Students must commit to 1 of 3 tracks by the beginning of their second year. The first track, Research Track, is appropriate for those students seeking degrees beyond the Masters level. This track allows students to specialize in a subarea of Psychology via elective selection and completion of a thesis (Thesis I and II). The thesis requirement will increase students’ potential for acceptance into doctoral level programs and is required for the degree.

The second track, Applied Track, is appropriate for graduates who are trying to secure employment in industry, government, or non-profits. Students have opportunities to take courses with more applied emphases (e.g., Human Factors, Cognitive Science, Applied Behavior Analysis) and have two semesters of real-world experience (Field Experience I and II) in industry settings. Successful completions of Field Experience I and II are required for the degree.

The third track, General/Reading Track, is designed to meet the needs of those seeking credentials or advancement in their current place of employment. Students will take basic required scientific courses, fulfill cluster requirements, and take additional coursework to broaden their scope. Their competence will be demonstrated by passing a comprehensive exam. Passing the competency exam is required for the degree.

It should be clearly understood that we do not provide training or accreditation for those interested in employment in counseling or clinical psychology upon completion of a Master’s degree. If that is your area of interest, please see SU’s Counseling Department in the College of Education and Human Services.

Ten (10) courses (30 credits) are the minimum required for graduation. By taking 9 credits each semester, one can complete the program in two years. You may take longer if you wish. By taking summer courses, it may be possible to complete the requirements in less time, but the department cannot guarantee that relevant courses for your particular goals will be offered during the summer sessions.