

M.S. in Applied Psychology (30 credits)

REQUIRED COURSES (12 CREDITS)	
PSY 500	Advanced Research Design and Statistics I
PSY 502	Program Evaluation
PSY 503	Survey Research
PSY 600	Capstone
CORE COURSES (12 CREDITS) – 1 from each cluster	
<i>Cluster 1: Learning and Motivation</i>	
PSY 516	Motivation
PSY 518	Introduction to Behavior Analysis
<i>Cluster 2: Developmental and Social</i>	
PSY 517	Applied Psychology of Women and Gender
PSY 529	Adult Development and Aging
PSY 533	Applied Social Psychology
PSY 545	Child & Adolescent Psychology
PSY 590	Introduction to Group Dynamics
<i>Cluster 3: Community and Psychopathology</i>	
PSY 530	Applied Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
PSY 539	Community Psychology
<i>Cluster 4: Cognitive</i>	
PSY 531	Cognitive Psychology Applied to the Workplace
PSY 565	Human Factors
ELECTIVES (6 CREDITS) – Choose electives or additional cluster courses	
PSY 512	Theories of Learning
PSY 535	Behavioral Assessment
PSY 536	Research Design in Behavior Analysis
PSY 543	Behavioral Treatment and Systems Support
PSY 595-596	Selected Topics in Psychology
PSY 597-598	Independent Study in Psychology

Graduate Program in Psychology

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The Department of Psychology offers a Master's degree in Applied Psychology (MAP). The program emphasizes the application of psychological principles and methodologies to real world problems. The program was designed to provide coursework aimed at three primary purposes for students: 1) career advancement, 2) training to enter a new career/profession, and/or 3) preparation for doctoral study. The coursework offers a balance of theory, application, and methodological skill sets used in the workplace. The program is delivered 100% online in an accelerated format so that it can be completed in 1-year (12 months) of full-time study or 2-years of part-time study. All courses are 8-weeks in duration except for the Capstone course which is 10-weeks. Students can begin and end the program during any semester.

A total of 30 credits of graduate work is required for the MAP degree. The curriculum combines a sequence of required courses in research methodology, psychology courses with an applied emphasis across a variety of content areas, electives, and a Capstone course. The Capstone course is taken during the last semester and is a culmination of the coursework and experiences in the program. We routinely examine market forces, trends, and patterns to gauge the relevance of our curriculum offerings and delivery to best position our students for success. And, we have consistently adapted to the changing times to better prepare students for an ever evolving work environment.

The Psychology graduate program also offers a Behavioral Specialist Certificate (BSC) which fulfills some of the requirements for a Behavioral Specialist License (BSL) in Pennsylvania. The BSC can be taken as part of the MAP degree requirements (with no additional courses necessary; can still complete the MAP in 30 credits) or as a post-graduate certificate for those that already have a graduate degree. The certificate requires the completion of three courses:

- PSY 518 Introduction to Behavior Analysis
- PSY 539 Community Psychology
- PSY 543 Behavioral Treatment and Systems Support

In summary, the requirements for a BSL in Pennsylvania are:

- *A Master's (or higher) degree or a Post Master's Certificate in certain specified fields*
- *90 hours of evidence-based coursework in eight specified content areas*
- 1,000 hours of in-person clinical experience
- 1-year of experience involving Functional Behavior Assessments

***Note: The department provides a master's degree and the evidence-based coursework. The student is responsible for gaining the necessary 1,000 hours of clinical experience and 1-year experience involving functional behavior assessment.