Master of Science Degree in Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers a Masters of Science degree, whose program of study has developed a national reputation for producing graduates with strong quantitative skills and exceptional methodological capabilities. Approximately 40 students are enrolled each academic year and almost half come to the program from out of state undergraduate programs.

This graduate degree is designed to specifically address the needs of two groups:

- Students who need additional coursework & research experience to be competitive for admission into doctoral studies programs;

- Students who need graduate-level coursework & training to be competitive for jobs in behavioral science laboratories or industrial/organizational settings.

The graduate program provides extensive research experience and coursework in experimental methodology, statistics, and content areas of experimental psychology (e.g., social, personality, cognitive, developmental and clinical).

We welcome qualified applicants to visit the Graduate School web site at graduateschool.utsa.edu for further information.

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The Department of Psychology engages students through the learning and development of theory and methodology to advance the science of Psychology. The department’s mission is to acquire and maintain an international reputation for outstanding research and practice providing undergraduates and graduates the knowledge and skill necessary to apply the concepts of psychology to their next level of education or professional career.

The department offers the following degrees of study:
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Masters of Science in Psychology
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Psychology

The B.A. in Psychology emphasizes the empirical study of human behavior structured around a core body of knowledge in psychology which may lead to additional training in the following areas of psychology:
- biological
- clinical
- cognitive
- cross-cultural
- developmental
- health
- industrial/organizational
- social

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Read your myUTSA email every day!
- Study each week;
- 12 hours of coursework = 24 hours of each hour you are in class each week
- At minimum, study two (2) hours for each hour you are in class each week;
- Deadlines on the academic calendar each semester;
- Be familiar with all important dates & deadlines on the academic calendar each semester;
- Apply early for financial aid every academic year by March 1 every spring for the following academic year;
- Apply awarded financial aid and/or pay your tuition and fees on time, to avoid being dropped from your classes.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

- Read all syllabi CAREFULLY and note important deadlines in your academic planner;
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- Read your myUTSA email every day!

QUICK AND EASY GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Learn the policies and procedures relevant to your degree program by reading the UTSA Undergraduate/Graduate Catalog and the Information Bulletin;
- Schedule your advising appointments early each semester to ensure you are on track with your degree requirements, registration, and/or graduation;
- Using your advising tools, create your schedule, register for classes & buy your books early;
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Mission
The College of Liberal and Fine Arts Advising Center engages students to create a path for their academic growth and professional success.

Philosophy
Our advisors facilitate active and collaborative relationships with our students to empower them in realizing their potential. As a partner in their educational experience, we prepare them to be engaged in independent thought, diverse experiences, and dynamic leadership within a global society.

Advising Model of Delivery
The Social Sciences Advising Center has a service delivery model comprised of the following:
- Appointments (30 minutes—1 hour);
- Express Advising (5-10 minutes for true “quick questions”);
- Email contact (not to be substituted for an appointment);
- Phone contact (not to be substituted for an appointment).

Our primary mode of relationship-building is through the advising appointment. The appointment provides the student our undivided attention and a better opportunity for building our partnership. We use an advising syllabus to guide you through your upperclassman advising experience and expect each of our students to maintain an advising portfolio which contains all pertinent degree information.

Peak Periods of Advising
During Peak Registration Periods (August, November, January & April), we have more than one Express Advisor available and there is also limited availability for extended Express Advising to help new transfers; late re-admissions/reinstatements; probation; or students with 45/90 holds, etc. We encourage students to schedule appointments prior to these peak periods.

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PSYCHOLOGY COURSES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

Freshman Level Courses
- MATH 1023/1031 or 1073, STA 1053
- Intro to Psychology

Sophomore Level Courses
- 2073 Statistics for Psych. (prq: 1023 & MAT 1432)
- 1013 Intro to Psychology
- 2503 Developmental Psych (prq: 1013)
- 2513 Abnormal Psych (prq: 1013)
- 2563 Cognitive Psych (prq: 1013)
- 2523 Social Psych (prq: 1013)
- 2573 Psych of Thought (prq: 1013 & MAT 1022)

Junior Level Courses
- 3403 Experimental Psych & 3011 Experimental Psych Lab (prq: 2503, 2513, 2523 or 2563 & *C in 1073)
- 3153 Motivation & Emotion (prq: 3403)
- 3053 Psychological Assessment (prq: 1013, 1023, 1053)
- 3523 Adolescence & Aging (prq: 3153)
- 3513 Psychology of Child (prq: 3153 & 3103)
- 3543 Intro to Clinical Psych (prq: 3153 & 3033)
- 4133 Cognitive Dev. (prq: 3153, 3523, 3513, 3543)
- 3033 Small Groups (prq: 3153 & 3543)
- 3153 Sensation & Perception (prq: 3153, 3543)
- 3103 Cognition (prq: 3153 & 3543)

Senior Level Courses
- 4003 History of Psych. (prq: 3403)
- 4183 Physiological Psych (prq: 3403)
- 4253 Psych & Health (prq: 3403)
- 4913 Special Studies (Instructor Consent)

Required Courses
- 9 hours from this group.

Research Courses
- 4911, 3 Independent Study
- Lab Internship in Psych. (Form Approved)

Learn more about the requirements and course offerings for the Psychology major at the College of Liberal and Fine Arts Advising Center.