

ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

Master of Arts in Psychology

Mission Statement

The M.A. in Psychology provides students with the study of human 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 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 program: Applied Experimental, Counseling-Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and Industrial-Organizational. Students seeking to complete the M.A. degree in Psychology must meet the general University requirements, the Department of Psychology 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 Health Psychology in addition to the requirements for the master's degree.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates with a Master of Arts in Psychology should be able to do the following:

Content

- Describe major theoretical and empirical contributions of counseling psychology.

Critical Thinking

- Use and evaluate psychological research to solve counseling-related questions.

Communication

- Articulate logical, evidence-based arguments related to applied experimental psychology in public speaking.
- Articulate logical, evidence-based arguments related to applied experimental psychology in written work.

Integrity/Values

- Justify professional decisions based on relevant ethical codes and principles in counseling.

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Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Evaluation of student achievement of these learning outcomes will occur in each of the courses in the student's curriculum. This will also be assessed by the completion of the capstone experience required in the student's degree program (thesis or internship). Finally, this will be evaluated in an exit survey of each graduating student, upon completion of degree requirements.

Professional Position Opportunities for Graduates:

Graduates of the program typically obtain positions of employment in the following areas:

- Mental Health Counseling
- Psychological Research
- Consulting
- Vocational Rehabilitation

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