

MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY: CONCENTRATION IN SOCIAL, PERSONALITY, AND AFFECTIVE SCIENCE

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Graduate Programs in Psychology

Application to a graduate program is completed through the Cal State Apply (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/>) application process.

The graduate admission application must be submitted by the deadline to be considered for admission. The department accepts applications for the fall semester only, with a deadline of February 1st. The Clinical and School Psychology programs generally require an interview during the admissions process.

Applicants to each Psychology graduate program are required to submit the results of the Graduate Record Examination – verbal, quantitative, and writing sections. Applicants should check the current application of the program they are applying to for the other requirements.

Students who intend to work toward the M.A. or the M.S. in Psychology must meet the prerequisites outlined at the beginning of each concentration.

Undergraduate deficiencies are to be rectified, as the graduate advisor deems fit, without being included as part of the program for a master's degree.

To advance to candidacy, graduate students must meet all the general requirements for the specific program in which they are involved.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. To acquire broad familiarity with the empirical and theoretical literature of Social Psychology, and to gain in-depth knowledge of one or more specific domains of research and application.
2. To gain professional-level skills in written and oral communication of concepts and research in Social Psychology.
3. To become proficient in research design, and in the independent conduct of research projects.
4. To develop intellectual maturity and career-relevant experience through supervised research and/or applied endeavors in Social Psychology and group dynamics.
5. To appreciate the nature and importance of ethical principles in research and applications in Social Psychology.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

Level One

A score of 4.0 or better on the GRE Analytical Writing Test.

Level Two

Satisfactory completion of the master's thesis (PSY 898).

Prerequisites

A broad undergraduate major in psychology or a related discipline, including preparation in social psychology and such areas as personality theory, group processes, research methods, and statistics. Students who have not had a recent upper-division course in social psychology and students who are not competent in statistics at the intermediate level are required to remedy these deficiencies during their first year in the program.

Psychology (M.A.): Concentration in Social, Personality, and Affective Science – Minimum 35 units

Code	Title	Units
PSY 740	Seminar in Social Psychology	3
PSY 742	Seminar in Survey Research	3
PSY 751	Seminar in Current Trends and Issues	3
PSY 770	Research Methods and Techniques	3
PSY 771	Analysis of Variance and Experimental Design	4
PSY 772	Applications of Multiple Regression to Psychological Research	4
PSY 792	Proseminar in Foundations of Contemporary Psychological Research	3
PSY 798	Research Colloquium	3
PSY 799	Supervised Selected Research	3
PSY 891	Seminar in Selected Problems	3
PSY 898	Master's Thesis	3