

# MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY: CONCENTRATION IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

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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 a broad knowledge of life span development in each of the areas of cognitive, social and emotional development, to develop theoretical sophistication, to become familiar with current issues in the field, and to learn to critique research studies.
2. To learn strategies and techniques of current developmental research and statistical analyses.
3. To experience practical laboratory training in research techniques including naturalistic observation.
4. To develop technical (scientific) writing skills for journal publication.
5. To gain experiences in the field of Developmental Psychology.
6. To apply research design skills and statistical analyses by conducting an independent research project, and to demonstrate intellectual self-reliance.
7. To gain experience in presentation of research and content relevant to developmental 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 background in elementary statistics and developmental psychology (introductory course).

## Psychology (M.A.): Concentration in Developmental Psychology – Minimum 36 units

Code	Title	Units
PSY 730	Seminar in Current Issues in Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 737	Laboratory in Observation of Children's Behavior	3
PSY 739	Technical Writing for Psychological Journals	1
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 799	Supervised Selected Research	2
PSY 839	Field Experience in Developmental Psychology	4
PSY 891	Seminar in Selected Problems	6
PSY 898	Master's Thesis (and Oral Defense of Thesis (may not be repeated))	3