Psychology, M.S.

Degree Requirements

- **Credit Hours**: Students are required to complete a minimum of 36 graduate-level credit hours in Psychology or other related disciplines approved by the student’s advising committee.

- **Grade Point Average**: After admission to a doctoral program major, students must earn a minimum cumulative and major GPA of 2.75.

- **Graduation Requirement**: Students must complete required coursework and a master's thesis.
  - **Master’s Thesis**: An empirical research project in an area of psychology approved by the student's master's thesis committee.

- **Benchmarks**: Thesis proposal approval not later than May 15, Year 2. Thesis defense and ETD submission not later than May 15, Year 3.

- **Additional Requirements**: None.

Curriculum Requirements

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Select one course from the list below:

- PSYC 512: Research Design and Data Analysis 2
- PSYC 611: Single-Subject Research Methods
- PSYC 612: Multivariate Analysis
- PSYC 614: Program Evaluation and Intervention
- PSYC 711: Seminar in Methodology

**Didactic Electives**: 18

Select any PSYC courses at the 500 level or above EXCEPT those listed as Experiential Electives or Professional Issues

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**Experiential Electives**: 5

Any combination of:

- PSYC 606: Seminar on Teaching Psychology
- PSYC 630: Behavior Analysis Practicum
- PSYC 660: Clinical Psychology Practicum
- PSYC 670: Clinical Child Psychology Practicum
- PSYC 730: Advanced Behavior Analysis Practicum
- PSYC 740: Practicum in Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 790: Teaching Practicum
- PSYC 795: Independent Study

Or additional PSYC 797 above the 6 required hours

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Select one course from the list below:

- PSYC 601: Professional Issues in Behavior Analysis
- PSYC 602: Professional Issues in Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 603: Professional Issues in Clinical Psychology
- PSYC 608: Professional Issues - Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSYC 701: Advanced Professional Issues in Psychology

Total Hours: 36

*Most experiential electives can be repeated for credit.*
Major Learning Outcomes

PSYCHOLOGY

Students graduating with an MS in psychology will:

• Conduct a high-quality research project in close collaboration with a faculty member.
• Describe research projects in the context of a larger body of literature.
• Maintain certification in ethical standards of conducting research.
• Analyze data using a variety of statistical methods.