

## **Master of Science in General Psychology**

### **Admission Requirements**

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited academic institution.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), a 3.0 or greater GPA in courses in the social and behavioral sciences.
- Applicants whose native language is not English must have taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) within the past two years and obtained a minimum score of 600 (paper and pencil version) or 250 (computerized version). The Institute also accepts the International English Language Test System (IELTS) with an overall band score of 7.0 on the academic IELTS with no individual band scores below 6.0.

In considering applicants to the M.S. in General Psychology degree program, the faculty Admissions Committee considers the following factors: cumulative undergraduate GPA (as well as graduate GPA if available), undergraduate GPA of courses in the social and behavioral sciences, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, answers to essays on the application, and TOEFL or IELTS scores, where applicable.

A personal interview may be required when considering applicants for the M.S. in General Psychology. In cases where a personal interview is necessary and it presents a financial hardship because of distance or other extenuating circumstances, the applicant to the Master of Science in General Psychology degree program may petition to have the in-person interview requirement waived and conducted by telephone.

Following the interview, the Admissions Committee recommends admissions decisions for each applicant to the Department Chairman. The Department Chairman, after reviewing the Admissions Committee recommendation and the completed application of each applicant, formally recommends admission action to the Academic Dean, who notifies the applicant, in writing, of the admission decision. This process is generally completed within two weeks of the interview date.