

Master of Science (M.S.) in General Psychology

Degree Requirements

To earn a Master of Science in General Science degree, students must complete forty-eight (48) credit hours of courses as outlined in the curriculum for the Master of Science in General Psychology program (with a cumulative GPA of 3.0), and complete a thesis.

Full-time students can complete all sixteen courses in two academic years. All students admitted (part-time or full-time) must complete the 16-course (48 credit hours) sequence within five academic years (with an academic year comprising a Fall semester and a Spring semester).

Thesis

A thesis research project is required for the Master of Science in General Psychology. The thesis requires a minimum of six (6) credit hours of coursework (PSY 690 Thesis Research) during which time the student develops a thesis proposal for approval by a thesis committee, conducts the thesis research, and submits a written report for approval by a thesis committee. The thesis topic must be defined in close consultation with the student's advisor. Each student must have their thesis approved by the committee prior to submitting the written report. The thesis research may take the form of a critical review and analysis of a topic or area in the field of psychology, or it may take the form of original research which can be either theoretical or empirical.

Curriculum

The Master of Science in General Psychology program requires forty-eight (48) credit hours (cr.) of course work and a non-credit course in library and information use and research. Students must also complete a thesis prior to graduation. There is one elective in the program. A typical schedule for full-time students who plan to complete the program in two years is:

ACADEMIC YEAR 1

LIB 500 Library and Information Use & Research
PHT 502 Philosophical & Theological Anthropology
PHT 614 Practical Reasoning and Moral Character
PSY 500 Psychology: History and Systems
PSY 535 Integration of Psychology and Spirituality
PSY 504 Psychological Measurement
PSY 507 Psychopathology
PSY 512 Law, Ethics and Psychology
ELECTIVE (choose one):
 PSY 721 Cognitive Psychology
 PSY 822 Biological Bases of Behavior

ACADEMIC YEAR 2

PHT 633 Major World Philosophies and Religions
PHT 635 Theology of Marriage and Family
PSY 503 Personality Theories
PSY 718 Research Design for the Psychological Sciences
PSY 605 Developmental Psychology
PSY 825 Social Psychology
PSY 690 Thesis Research (6cr)

Oxford Seminar and General Science Requirements:

Students may elect to take PSY-PHL 690 The Oxford Seminar (summer intensive course in Oxford, U.K.) in the place of 6 of the 8 credit hours of basic science courses, which are otherwise selected from among the following courses: PSY 605, PSY 721, PSY 822, and PSY 825.