PSYCHOLOGY (M.A.)

The Master of Arts in Psychology is designed primarily as an intermediate degree. This program prepares the student for advanced studies in many psychological fields such as developmental, experimental, learning, personality and counseling, school, and social psychology.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the admission requirements for graduate study at Montclair State University. In addition, applicants must meet the following departmental requirements.

- 12 undergraduate credits in psychology including a course in statistics and a laboratory course in experimental psychology.
- Approval by the departmental committee.

Program Requirements

Required Courses

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Specialization Courses

- Biological Basis of Behavior
  - PSYC 573 Behavioral Neuroscience | 3
  - or PSYC 583 Sensation and Perception | 3

- Learning and Cognition
  - PSYC 504 Cognitive Psychology | 3
  - or PSYC 563 Theories of Learning | 3

- Individual Differences
  - PSYC 561 Developmental Psychology | 3
  - or PSYC 667 Abnormal Psychology | 3

- Social
  - PSYC 552 General Social Psychology | 3

Advanced Electives

PSYC 659 Special Topics Seminar in Psychology | 3

Select one of the following (not previously completed):

- PSYC 504 Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 552 General Social Psychology
- PSYC 561 Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 563 Theories of Learning
- PSYC 565 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
- PSYC 571 Organizational Psychology
- PSYC 573 Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSYC 583 Sensation and Perception
- PSYC 592 Graduate Seminar in Health Psychology
- PSYC 602 Introduction to Forensic Psychology
- PSYC 613 Research Methods in Forensic Psychology
- PSYC 620 Forensic Psychology in Criminal Proceedings
- PSYC 622 Forensic Psychology in Family Proceedings
- PSYC 626 Expert Testimony
- PSYC 659 Special Topics Seminar in Psychology
- PSYC 663 Independent Study

0-3 credits of non-Psychology coursework may be taken with written permission of graduate advisor.

Thesis

PSYC 698 Master’s Thesis | 4

Submit the completed Thesis original and one copy to the Graduate Office. See Thesis Guidelines for details.

Total Credits | 35