

MASTER OF SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Science in Psychology program at Arkansas Tech University is designed to provide advanced students with sufficient breadth and depth to function in a variety of professional environments. While emphasis is placed on research and methods of testing, a concentrated effort is also made to establish the foundation necessary for teaching, practice, post-graduate work, research, or any combination of these areas.

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Science degree program in Psychology if they meet the following requirements and are approved by the Psychology graduate faculty:

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for the Graduate College.
2. Applicants must have a minimum of 18 semester hours in Psychology at the undergraduate level (including a course in statistics, and research methods, with a grade of "B" or better).
3. Applicants must have an overall undergraduate grade point of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Applicants must submit recent (within the last 5 years), acceptable scores (to be determined by the psychology graduate faculty) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Applicants who fail to meet the criteria for unconditional admission may be admitted conditionally to enroll in twelve semester hours. Students admitted conditionally must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 at the completion of twelve semester hours with no grade lower than "C".

An applicant who satisfies the grade point requirement from an unaccredited institution may also be eligible for conditional admission. In such cases, transcripts may be judged to be deficient. The nature of the deficiency and subsequent deficiency requirements will be determined by the Psychology Graduate Committee and the Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology or the Head of the Department.

The Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology or the Head of the Department will assign a temporary faculty advisor to each student admitted to the degree program. The faculty advisor will assist the student in designing a curriculum of study that leads to the fulfilment of the degree requirements and the preparation of the thesis. The faculty advisor, the Psychology Graduate Committee, and the Graduate College monitor the student's progress in the program. However, it remains the student's responsibility to understand and to satisfy all degree requirements.

Students who have been granted unconditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy upon completion of 12 semester hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 and no grade lower than a "C". Students who have been granted conditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy after the completion of all deficiency requirements and 12 hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 and no grade lower than "C". It is the student's responsibility to complete the "Application for Admission to Candidacy" form and to submit it to the Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology or the Department Head. The form is to be submitted upon completion of 12 hours of graduate work.

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Unconditional Admission

Conditional Admission

Academic Advisors

Admission to Candidacy

Degree Requirements

The student seeking the Master of Science degree in Psychology must complete the following:

1. A minimum of 30 hours in Psychology at the graduate level (5000-6000) with no more than 12 hours of 5000 level courses considered toward completion of the degree.
2. The satisfactory completion of 6 hours of PSY 6993: Master's Thesis.
3. Thesis hours must earn a grade no lower than "B".
4. The successful completion of an oral defense of the completed thesis. Candidates will receive additional information on the oral defense from the Academic Advisor and the Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology upon admission to candidacy.
5. No more than 6 hours of PSY 6891-4 Independent Study will be counted toward the degree.
6. The student must have a 3.00 grade point average on a 4.00 scale on all course work. No more than two course grades of "C" will be considered acceptable during the student's program and no grade lower than "C" will be considered toward the completion of the required course work.
7. All course work must be completed within six years of admission to the degree program.
8. A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate course work completed in residence at Arkansas Tech University. (Full time residency is not required.)
9. At the end of each fall semester, the student will meet with the Psychology Graduate Committee for program review and evaluation.

Required Courses: (12 hours)

PSY 5033 Psychological Test and Measurements
PSY 6013 Advanced Statistics
PSY 6023 Research Design
PSY 6033 Personality Testing

Electives: (18 hours, minimum 6 hours at the 6000 level)

PSY 5013 History of Psychology
PSY 5043 Social Psychology
PSY 5053 Psychology of Perception
PSY 5073 Cognitive Psychology
PSY 6033 Personality Testing
PSY 6043 Psychopathology
PSY 6053 Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY 6063 Advanced Physiological Psychology
PSY 6073 Personality Dynamics and Theories
PSY 6083 Seminar in Psychology
PSY 6091-6 Advanced Field Placement

Thesis (6 hours required)

PSY 6993-6 Thesis Research
PSY 6891-4 Independent Study

A maximum of 6 semester hours of graduate credit with a grade of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited school if deemed appropriate to the Psychology Graduate Committee, the Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology, and the Dean of the Graduate College. Students must send a written request through the Psychology Graduate Committee to petition the acceptance of the transfer credit prior to request candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology or the Head of the Department and the Dean of the Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or taken for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree.

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must (in advance of enrollment) obtain written approval from the faculty advisor, the Psychology Graduate Committee, the Director of the Graduate Program in Psychology, and the Dean of the Graduate College.

**Special Conditions of
Graduate Credit
Graduate Credit Taken
Prior to Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**

**Graduate Credit Taken
After Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**