

Psychology

Department of Psychology does not typically admit unclassified students into the graduate program.

In order to apply for advancement to candidacy, students in psychology graduate programs must earn grades of A or B in PSYCH 244A and PSYCH 244B and pass the Psychology Department Graduate Writing Requirement.

The graduate writing requirement can be fulfilled in PSYCH 244A. Further information can be found in the course syllabus and graduate handbook.

(See also *Admission to Graduate Standing, Advancement to Candidacy, Program Requirements, and Criteria for Thesis and Project* in the *Graduate Studies* section of the catalog, page 502-513.)

Under the direction of a graduate adviser, a coherent program is prepared and submitted, directed toward the achievement of the student's goal in graduate study.

Master of Arts Degree Requirements

Master of Arts

Applied Behavior Analysis Option

The Applied Behavior Analysis Option in the Master of Arts degree program in psychology is a two-year, full-time graduate program option that meets the degree, coursework, and experience requirements needed in preparation for national certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Students are required to take 43 hours of coursework, including 3 thesis hours and 4 hours of practicum. A minimum of 1,000 contact hours of practicum are required over the two years of the program. Students must apply for admission to the ABA Option of the M.A. program during the graduate application process.

This program option emphasizes behavior analytic applications with typically developing and developmentally disabled children.

Course Requirements for the Applied Behavior Analysis Option

Core	Units
PSYCH 244A.....	4
PSYCH 244B.....	4
PSYCH 220T*.....	3
PSYCH 205.....	4
PSYCH 299 (Thesis)	3
Total	18

*Must take section entitled "Conditioning and Learning."

Additional requirements	Units
PSYCH 231	3
PSYCH 288	4
PSYCH 245	4
PSYCH 289	4
PSYCH 271	3
PSYCH 268 (Practicum)	4
Total	22

Electives*	Units
Choose one: PSYCH 278, 282, or 286	4

*Substitutions may be made if approved by the program adviser.

Total	44
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Master of Arts

The Master of Arts degree program in psychology may be arranged to include interest areas such as general experimental, developmental, and social psychology, as well as special master of arts programs for individuals. This 30-unit degree program is intended primarily to prepare graduates for entry into doctoral programs in general experimental, developmental, social, or clinical psychology, and may serve as preparation for community college teaching or professional employment requiring a master's degree.

Minimum Course Requirements for the M.A.

Core	Units
PSYCH 244A.....	4
PSYCH 244B.....	4
PSYCH 205 or 250T or 255T (one course).....	3
PSYCH 220T or 225T (one course).....	3
PSYCH 299 (Thesis)	3
Total	17

Electives	Units
Must include two additional courses in psychology or a related field; maximum of 6 units independent study. Program must be approved by graduate adviser.....	13
Total	30

Educational Specialist Degree Requirements

The Educational Specialist in School Psychology is a three-year, full-time graduate program and requires a minimum of 82 units. Practicum experience is required during the first two years of coursework. The internship experience, completed during the third year of the program, requires a minimum of 1,200 hours with at least half of these hours completed in a school setting.

Students who wish to become eligible for the Pupil Personnel Credential with a specialization in School Psychology as granted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing should contact the department for application materials and additional information.

Minimum Course Requirements for the Ed.S.

	Units
PSYCH 205	4
PSYCH 225T	3
PSYCH 244A.....	4
PSYCH 244B.....	4
PSYCH 255T	3
PSYCH 267	12
PSYCH 270T	6
PSYCH 277	3
PSYCH 278	4
PSYCH 279	4
PSYCH 282	4
PSYCH 284	4
PSYCH 285	4
PSYCH 286	4
PSYCH 287	4
PSYCH 288	4
PSYCH 299 (Thesis).....	3
COUN 200	3
COUN 201	3
COUN 240	3
Total	83

COURSES

Psychology (PSYCH)

PSYCH 10. Introduction to Psychology (3)

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Not open to students with more than 6 units in psychology. Introduction to psychology as an empirical science; biological and social bases of behavior; scientific principles of psychology in perception, learning, motivation, intelligence, and personality. G.E. Breadth D3. FS