

**PSYCHOLOGY**  
**COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS**

**PURPOSES**

The purposes of offering graduate study in the Department of Psychology are:

1. To prepare the student for a Ph.D. program in Psychology through a Master of Arts degree program providing knowledge and research skills.
2. To provide students not intending to pursue a Ph.D. degree with a variety of courses that will help prepare them for paraprofessional positions.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION—MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE**

Applicants should apply by March 15 for Fall Admission and October 15 for Spring admission. To be eligible for admission, the applicant must:

1. Apply to enter the Master of Arts degree program.
2. Complete at least 18 semester hours of undergraduate credit in psychology and/or educational psychology, including at least three semester hours each in a statistics course and in a general experimental (laboratory) course.
3. Have an undergraduate cumulative average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 point scale (2.50 for provisional status) in all psychology and/or educational psychology courses pursued.
4. Submit a GRE score for the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE. A GRE score for the psychology subject test is not required but may offset a low combined verbal and quantitative score. ETS has changed the GRE scoring methodology, please check with your graduate advisor for details regarding GRE score minimums required for admission.
5. Supply at least three appropriate, satisfactory letters of reference.
6. Satisfy all applicable University admission requirements.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE**

To receive the Master of Arts degree in Psychology, the student must:

1. Pass 38 hours of graduate courses, including 6 hours of thesis approved by student's thesis committee.
2. Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA with no more than two grades of "C" for the entire program. A grade of at least "B" is required for satisfactory completion of Psychology 635 and Psychology 636.
3. Pass comprehensive examinations administered by the Department. This requirement is satisfied by a grade of B or better on the final exam in Psychology 635, Psychology 636, Psychology 612, Psychology 613, and Psychology 614.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Required Core Courses (26 hours)

Psychology 635—Experimental Design and Analysis.....	4 hours
Psychology 636—Nonexperimental Design and Analysis .....	4 hours
Psychology 612—Learning, Memory, and Cognition .....	3 hours
Psychology 613—Physiological Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 614—Social Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 660—Special Topics in Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 770—Thesis .....	3 hours
Total .....	26 hours

Elective Courses (12 hours)

Psychology 521—History and Systems of Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 522—Abnormal Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 549—Individual Research in Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 575—Industrial /Organizational Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 582—Seminar in Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 615—Psychological Assessment.....	3 hours
Psychology 616—Theories of Personality.....	3 hours
Psychology 620—Developmental Psychology.....	3 hours
Psychology 679—Psychotherapy Techniques .....	3 hours
Psychology 668—Independent Readings in Psychology .....	3 hours
Psychology 683—Practicum .....	3 hours
Psychology 692—Psychopharmacology .....	3 hours
Psychology 660—Special Topics in Psychology.....	up to 9 hours

**CONCENTRATION IN INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**FIRST YEAR**

**First Semester**

Psychology 635; Experimental Design & Analysis .....	4 hours
Psychology 614; Social Psychology .....	3 hours

Psychology 612; Learning, Memory & Cognition.....3 hours  
 10 hours

**Second Semester**

Psychology 636; Nonexperimental Design & Analysis .....4 hours  
 Psychology 613; Physiological Psychology .....3 hours  
 Psychology 660; Special Topics in Performance Measurement .....3 hours  
 10 hours

**SECOND YEAR**

**First Semester**

Psychology 575; Industrial/Organizational Psychology .....3 hours  
 Psychology 770; Thesis.....3 hours  
 Psychology 683; Industrial/Organizational Practicum; Performance Improvement .....3 hours  
 9 hours

**Second Semester**

Psychology 770; Thesis.....3 hours  
 Psychology 683; Industrial/Organizational Practicum; Performance Pay.....3 hours  
 Psychology 615; Assessment .....3 hours  
 9 hours

**THESIS REQUIREMENTS**

A complete description of the thesis requirements (as well as other departmental policies) can be found in the *Guide to Graduate Study in Psychology at Southeastern Louisiana University* given to all students when they first enter the program.

**THESIS COMMITTEE**

The student will be supervised by a thesis committee consisting of the major professor and a minimum of two other members from the Psychology faculty. Committees may include one member from outside the Department in addition to the required three members from the department. The committee should be chosen by the student in consultation with the major professor. Faculty chosen for the committee should not be asked to serve until the student and major professor have agreed on the exact topic for the thesis as well as the methodology to be used.

**MAJOR PROFESSOR**

The major professor who directs the thesis project must be a member of the Psychology Department faculty and a member of the Graduate Faculty. A faculty member is limited to chairing three thesis committees at a time, with no more than two in the pre-proposal stage.

After 2 semesters, if the thesis proposal has not been accepted, the major professor's commitment to the project ends. In addition if the entire thesis project has not been completed in 2 years, the major professor's commitment to the project ends. In the event that a student goes past one of the thesis deadlines, it may be necessary to change major professors and possibly thesis topic (this applies even to students who have thesis proposals approved).