



The Masters Program in Psychology



The Masters Degree

The Department of Psychology at the University at Buffalo, SUNY offers an MA degree in **General Psychology**. Our MA program emphasizes research and scholarship contributing to the scientific understanding of the mind and behavior. Students may, through selection of appropriate elective courses, choose a concentration within the field of general psychology (behavioral neuroscience, clinical psychology, cognitive psychology or social-personality psychology).

Who Should Apply?

The MA program is designed for individuals who wish to pursue a doctoral (Ph.D.) degree in psychology but either lack the formal training in their area of interest or need to strengthen their credentials to be competitive for doctoral programs. The program is also intended for individuals who have a long-range plan to obtain a doctoral degree, but are not ready to commit to doctoral studies.

Our MA degree does not provide training for specific careers. To work as a professional psychologist, it is necessary to earn a doctorate. Our program also does not provide the necessary training for graduates to be eligible to work as counselors or therapists upon graduation.

Application Process

Students are admitted to work under a faculty advisor. The list of faculty who are accepting students varies from year to year; prospective students are encouraged to check the MA program website (see below) and contact potential advisors before applying. The application deadline is in early March.

Program Overview

Time to Complete Degree:

- Typically 2 years (4 semesters)

30 Credit Hours:

- 1 graduate psychology statistics course (3 credits)
- 1 distribution course from each of four core areas (12 credits)
- Electives (15 credits)

MA Project: The MA project is a well-organized and thoroughly documented scholarly paper (i.e., empirical study, critical review paper, or report of meta-analysis) with an identifiable research question.

Questions?

Visit: <http://psychology.buffalo.edu/graduate/masters/>

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