M.A. in Experimental Psychology

The MA in General Experimental Psychology requires the completion of 30 credit hours, including 12 hours of required course work, 12 hours of elective coursework, and six (6) hours of thesis.

Admission Requirements can be found here. (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/psychology/psychology-phd/) Applicants from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school (http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-student/) website for required scores.

MA Programs

The department offers two programs leading to terminal MA Degree: Clinical Psychology and General Experimental Psychology. Both MA degrees are research-focused and require theses. The Clinical MA program is designed to prepare students to either work in applied settings as psychological associates, professional counselors, or to continue on to a Clinical PhD Program. The General Experimental MA program is designed to prepare students to continue on to a PhD program.

In both the Clinical and General Experimental M.A. programs,

1. Students must orally defend their thesis before a thesis committee.
2. All requirements must be completed within six (6) years of entering the program.
3. No more than six (6) credit hours of approved upper-division undergraduate courses can count for graduate credit.

Academic Policies

Departmental Academic Standards

In addition to the University requirement that all students admitted into graduate programs must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in all upper-division and graduate courses, the Department of Psychology requires in all graduate programs students who attempt a course or courses and receive two grades of C or lower in Psychology courses be dismissed from the program. Students who earn a grade of C or lower in a course must retake the course the next time it is offered and earn a grade of B or better.

Language

The University of Texas at El Paso’s location on the U.S.-Mexico border provides a nearly unique opportunity to investigate how language use, specifically proficiency in English and/or Spanish, affects cognitive processes. To investigate the importance of English/Spanish proficiency, it is essential that people comprehend and speak both languages. The psychology faculty, therefore, view language as an important and often necessary methodological tool for conducting research and strongly encourages and promotes proficiency in both languages.

Transfer Students with Graduate Credit

Students accepted into the PhD program with graduate credit from The University of Texas at El Paso (including the Psychology Department) or from another university must satisfy the same requirements as those beginning their PhD graduate training in Psychology at UTEP without previously earned graduate credits. The student can petition the Graduate Program Committee to accept a maximum of 24 hours of graduate credit (excluding thesis hours) completed at UTEP or at another institution. Approved credits will appear as Advanced Standing Credit on the Preliminary Plan of Study. Students who have taken PSYC 5301 from UTEP prior to admission to the PhD program can request that a maximum of three (3) credit hours for this course be included in the 24 hours that can be counted toward their PhD degree, as long as those hours were not used to meet requirements for a previous or separate degree. A doctoral student who wishes to apply more than six (6) transfer credits toward a master's degree at UTEP must obtain prior approval from the department’s Graduate Program Director.

The student must make a written request to the Graduate Program Director for Advanced Standing Credit. It is the student’s responsibility to provide all evidence and material necessary for the Graduate Program Director to review the request. Advanced Standing Credits are subject to final approval from the Graduate School. Transfer students can be considered for Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation only after they complete two academic semesters and all relevant requirements.

Degree Plan

Required Credits: 30

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Select two courses from the following: 6
- PSYC 6327  Seminar: Soc/Cultural Psych
- PSYC 6357  Seminar: Psychology
- PSYC 6367  Seminar: Cognitive Psych
- PSYC 6377  Seminar: Behavioral Neuroscience

**Other Electives:**
Select twelve hours from the following: 12
- PSYC 5322  Theories/Methods Psychotherapy
- PSYC 5351  Behavioral Medicine
- PSYC 5355  Seminar in General Psychology
- PSYC 5360  Clinical Internship
- PSYC 5385  Research Applications
- PSYC 6010  Quantitative Cert Suppl Req
- PSYC 6302  Structural Equation Modeling
- PSYC 6303  Seminar in Meta-Analysis
- PSYC 6304  Categorical Data Analysis
- PSYC 6307  Appl Correlation & Regres Meth
- PSYC 6308  Experimentl Design/Anal of Var
- PSYC 6309  Seminar in Psychopathology
- PSYC 6312  Program Evaluation
- PSYC 6315  Psychopharmacology
- PSYC 6319  Seminar: Personality Assessment
- PSYC 6323  Psychometrics
- PSYC 6327  Seminar: Soc/Cultural Psych
- PSYC 6328  Spec Topics: Soc/Cultural Psych
- PSYC 6330  Social Behavior
- PSYC 6334  Foundations of Research
- PSYC 6335  Research Design/Data Analysis
- PSYC 6342  Special Topics in Psyc & Law
- PSYC 6344  Survey of Legal Psychology
- PSYC 6351  Behavioral Medicine
- PSYC 6355  Seminar in General Psychology
- PSYC 6356  Scientific Writing
- PSYC 6357  Seminar: Psychology
- PSYC 6358  Spec Topics: Psychology
- PSYC 6367  Seminar: Cognitive Psych
- PSYC 6368  Spec Topics: Cognitive Psych
- PSYC 6371  Animal Learning & Behavior
- PSYC 6372  Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSYC 6377  Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci
- PSYC 6378  Spec Topics: Behavrl Neurosci
- PSYC 6380  First Year Research
- PSYC 6381  First Year Research
- PSYC 6385  Research Applications
- PSYC 6390  Field Placement

**Thesis:**
- PSYC 5395  Thesis
- PSYC 5396  Thesis

**Total Hours** 30