

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/>)

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

Code	Title	Hours
MA in Experimental Psychology (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses:		
PSYC 5310	Course currently in degree plan, but no longer offered. Please see advisor for substitution.	3
PSYC 5311	Course currently in degree plan, but no longer offered. Please see advisor for substitution.	3
Required Electives:		
Select two courses from the following:		
PSYC 6327	Seminar:Soc/Cultrl Psych	6

PSYC 6357	Seminar: Psychology
PSYC 6367	Seminar:Cognitive Psych
PSYC 6377	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci

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/Cultrl Psych
PSYC 6328	Spcl Topics: Soc/Cultrl 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	Spcl Topics: Psychology
PSYC 6367	Seminar:Cognitive Psych
PSYC 6368	Spcl Topics: Cognitive Psych
PSYC 6371	Animal Learning & Behavior
PSYC 6372	Behavioral Neuroscience
PSYC 6377	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci
PSYC 6378	Spcl Topics: Behavrl Neurosci
PSYC 6380	First Year Research
PSYC 6381	First Year Research
PSYC 6385	Research Applications
PSYC 6390	Field Placement
PSYC 6396	Thesis
PSYC 6398	Dissertation
PSYC 6399	Dissertation

Thesis:

PSYC 5395 & PSYC 5396	Thesis and Thesis	6
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Total Hours**30**