



Q: Do you offer a Master's Program?

A: We do not offer a terminal Master's Program. Students are only admitted into Ph.D. track programs, students enter this program and begin to work on the requirements for the Master's degree. Once the MA degree requirements are complete, students then begin to work on the Ph.D. degree requirements.

Q: Can I transfer from my current Master's degree program?

A: Regardless of whether a student is coming directly from an undergraduate program or moving from another graduate level program, all applicants must complete the same application & process. For those students who have obtained a Master's degree from another university, after being offered and accepting admission to the Department of Psychology the student may petition the department's Graduate Program Committee to review graduate level courses for course waivers. Students who have completed an MA thesis at another university may also petition the committee to waive the department's MA thesis requirement.

Q: Which entrance exam is required?

A: The Psychology Department requires that all applicants take and submit scores from the GRE (Graduate Record Examination). The Advanced Psychology-or subject test—of the GRE is not required. The department does not require a mandatory minimum score on this exam. ETS keeps GRE scores for five years; thus if you took the GRE more than five years ago, you will need to take it again. Remember, be sure to request GRE scores early enough to meet the application deadline. Our institutional code is 5251.

Q: Where should applications materials be mailed?

A: For those applicants who will need to mail in materials, all materials should be mailed to the "Office of Graduate Studies" for the College of Arts & Sciences. The address for this office can be found on the following link: <http://www2.gsu.edu/psychology/2693.html>. No materials should be sent directly to the Department of Psychology.

Q: Can I apply for this program if I do not have an undergraduate degree in Psychology?

A: Although an undergraduate major in psychology is not required, applicants are expected to have a background in psychology that includes a minimum of four courses. A course in psychological statistics and a course in research methods, including a laboratory, are required. Two additional junior- or senior-level content courses are also required. The Clinical program recommends a course in abnormal psychology or psychopathology as one of the content courses. An introductory psychology course cannot be counted as one of the four required courses.

Q: Is this a part-time program?

A: This program requires a full-time commitment. No night or online courses are offered.

Q: What type of financial assistance is provided for students?

A: All students are offered a monthly stipend during their first 4 years of graduate school, as long as they remain in good standing with the department (ie., maintaining the required GPA and meeting departmental responsibilities). The level of support for incoming students is determined when they are accepted; no separate financial application procedure is required. All support includes a tuition waiver. Beginning students may also make application to the University's Office of Financial Aid (telephone 404-413-2400) for non-departmental sources of aid, such as loans and University-provided scholarships.

Q: What application materials are required?

A: College of Arts and Sciences Application for Graduate Studies
College of Arts and Sciences Residency Information
Department of Psychology Supplemental Form & Essays
Two (2) Official Transcripts from all Colleges or Universities ever attended
Three (3) letters of recommendation
Official GRE scores
\$50 application processing fee

Q: Who should write the letters of recommendation?

A: The letters of recommendation may be written by anyone you choose. Applicants may desire to choose someone who can speak to their academic or research skills.

Q: Is there any portion of the application that is weighted more heavily than other portions?

A: No single predictor is used to accept or reject an applicant. However, when one factor, such as a GRE score, is below average, other factors should be well above average. Previous research experience and, in the case of the Clinical and Community Programs, relevant applied experience are evaluated favorably in the admission process.

Q: How long does it take to complete the program?

A: Time to completion depends heavily on the progression of the individual student. Please visit the department's statistics page <http://www2.gsu.edu/psychology/2699.html> to view the "Median Yrs. To Graduation" for past students

Q: Graduate School Advisement?

A: Students can receive advisement via phone or email. Advisement is NOT conducted in person.

Q: If I submit the online application, do I need to submit the departmental form?

A: The departmental supplemental form is a part of the online application, so if you apply online, you do not need to submit the departmental form