

M.S. in Experimental Psychology

Advance your career with a Master of Science in Experimental Psychology.

Objectives

The curriculum produces master's-level psychologists with general knowledge of psychology in various content areas, research methodologies and theoretical formulations. Based on a "mentor model," the program of study, progress, training and thesis are supervised by one or more faculty members. The general program does not prepare or qualify the student for a license in the State of Michigan as a clinical psychologist. It accommodates students preparing for doctoral programs or seeking career advancement in a basic or applied research area.

- PSY 629 - Physiological Psychology 3 hrs
- PSY 632 - Sensation and Perception 3 hrs
- PSY 635 - Cognitive Processes 3 hrs
- PSY 637 - Social Psychology 3 hrs
- PSY 640 - Developmental Psychology 3 hrs
- PSY 646 - Personality: Theory and Research 3 hrs
- PSY 651 - Prepracticum in Experimental Analysis of Behavior 1 hr

Program Requirements

The M.S. in Psychology (General Experimental) requires 30 graduate hours, with at least 24 in psychology. All students who apply should seek a faculty adviser, or mentor, to act as their sponsor. Students uncertain about a mentor choice, or applying from another campus and unfamiliar with the faculty, may be assigned a temporary mentor by the coordinator of the program. The program is highly individualized and the mentor supervises the student's training, research and master's thesis. Should a student's interests change, a new mentor may be selected with approval from both faculty members and the general experimental program coordinator.

Up to six hours may be selected from outside the department in consultation with the graduate adviser.

Program Total: 30 hours

Admission Requirements

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who meet all of the requirements for graduate degree admission status listed below:

Required Core Courses: 12 hours

- PSY 600 - Psychological Statistics I 3 hrs
- PSY 605 - Research Design 3 hrs
- PSY 692 - Thesis 6 hrs

Elective Courses: 12–18 hours

- PSY 601 - Psychological Statistics II 3 hrs
- PSY 623 - Experimental Analysis of Behavior 3 hrs
- PSY 626 - Motivation and Emotion 3 hrs

1. Meet the Graduate School admission requirements;
2. Complete the Graduate School application;
3. Complete an Application Supplement Form (available on the department website);
4. Have an undergraduate GPA of approximately 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale;
5. Have at least 20 hours in psychology, including statistics and experimental psychology;
6. Submit a transcript of GRE scores in which the scores for the verbal and quantitative sections is at 50th percentile or higher;

7. Present two letters of recommendation from faculty, employers, or others who can testify to the applicant's suitability for the program of study; and
8. Submit a written account of their academic and professional history and professional goals.

Incomplete applications may not be considered. Credits earned under non-degree student status do not automatically apply to the requirements of the degree program.

All application materials are due in on or before FEBRUARY 1 for the next Fall semester. There are no admissions to degree programs in the winter and summer sessions.

How to Apply

Visit emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms_gc.php for department application materials and full instructions.

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