PSYCHOLOGY M.A. - EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Degree: Master of Arts
https://www.towson.edu/cla/departments/psychology/grad/psychology/experimental/

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The Experimental Psychology Concentration of the Master of Arts program in Psychology at Towson University is intended for students with interests in any area of psychological research (e.g., clinical, cognitive, developmental, neuroscience, social). The program prepares students for enrollment in doctoral programs or for research jobs in the public and private sectors.

The concentration is intended either for students who have completed an undergraduate degree in psychology or for those students who have undergraduate degrees in other majors who are interested in pursuing psychological research. Graduates will be prepared to pursue doctoral degrees in psychology in a variety of specialty areas or prepare for such positions as research analyst, research coordinator or statistical analyst. Students in the concentration receive extensive training in research design and analysis and have access to a large and diverse faculty. Students receive considerable personal attention. All students are mentored by faculty in their area of interest and most classes have fewer than 16 students. As a result, students have been very successful in either gaining admission to doctoral programs or finding employment in the field of research design and analysis.

A thesis is required of all students.

Students may work toward the degree either full time or part time. Courses are offered only in the late afternoons and evenings.

Admission Requirements

- Prerequisite courses with grades of “B” or higher in the following areas:
  - Statistics
  - Experimental Psychology or Research Methods in Psychology
  - Learning or Cognitive Psychology
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 is required for full admission to the program. Conditional admission is occasionally offered to students with GPAs of less than 3.00 who show exceptional research promise.
- Acceptable performance on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Submit the online application (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply) plus the following:

- A 600- to 900-word personal statement describing your research interests, research experience and professional goals. You are strongly encouraged to mention in this letter the faculty member(s) with whom you most want to work.
- Two letters of recommendation. Letters commenting on research experience are particularly useful.

Completed application and admission credentials must meet the deadline of February 15 for fall term admission. Applications are not accepted for spring term admission. Students who miss the application deadline may contact the program director to inquire if space is still available in the incoming class. Admission is granted on a competitive, space-available basis.

Non-immigrant International Students

Program Enrollment: F-1 and J-1 students are required to be enrolled full-time. The majority of their classes must be in-person and on campus. See the list of programs that satisfy these requirements (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/international/programs-complying-j1-f1-regulations.html), and contact the International Student and Scholars Office (https://www.towson.edu/academics/international/iso) with questions.

Admission Procedures: See additional information regarding Graduate Admission policies (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/policies.html) and International Graduate Application (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/international) online.

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Electives

Select at least 9 units of graduate electives at the 500-700 level with permission from the program director. The following are recommended electives:

- PSYC 611 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC 679 SPECIAL TOPICS SEMINAR
- PSYC 685 COLLEGE TEACHING PRACTICUM
- PSYC 689 MULTIVARIATE METHODS (if not taken as a required class)
- PSYC 691 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION IN PSYCHOLOGY (Additional credits)

Total Units: 39

1. Employ research methods appropriate to the discipline;
2. Demonstrate basic discipline-specific skills and competencies;
3. Demonstrate competency in acquiring and processing information in the search for understanding.