The M.A. in Psychology provides students with the study of human behavior. Graduate training in Psychology entails in-depth exploration and understanding of the core foundations of the biological bases of behavior, the social bases of behavior, the acquired bases of behavior, and the individual bases of behavior. As a scientific discipline, the study of psychology also requires competence in research methodology, statistics, and critical thinking. Psychology is an applied discipline, with applications in clinical health and mental health settings, business settings, and educational settings. Students completing a master’s degree in Psychology will be prepared to pursue a wide range of careers at the master’s level or to pursue advanced training at the doctoral level. There are several areas of concentration in the master’s program: Applied Experimental, Counseling-Thesis Option, Counseling-Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and Industrial-Organizational. Students seeking to complete the M.A. degree in Psychology must meet the general University requirements, the Department of Psychology graduate core requirements, and the specialized requirements of the student’s chosen area of concentration. The student also has the option of fulfilling requirements for a certificate in Health Psychology in addition to the requirements for the master’s degree.

Admission Requirements

Applications for admission for summer and fall semesters are due on the preceding February 1st. This application is for the Department of Psychology only, and supersedes all other published deadlines. Files completed after the published deadline may not be reviewed in time to enroll in the desired semester.

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the Admissions section (http://catalog.uwf.edu/graduate/admissions) of the catalog, the school bases decisions for regular admission on a holistic review of credentials in which the following criteria are used to assess the potential success of each applicant:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Verbal and Quantitative score
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA
- Psychology undergraduate GPA
- Grades received in undergraduate major coursework
- Submission of letter of intent
- Submission of three letters of reference
- Program prerequisites
- Field experience or skill sets
- Oral Interview, if applying to the Counseling specialization

Applicants can assume that their files are incomplete until they receive a notice from the Department of Psychology indicating that files are complete. The following are the minimum admission requirements:

- A bachelor’s degree in psychology (preferably) or a bachelor’s degree with the completion of at least general/introductory psychology, psychology research methods sequence, three semester hours of statistics, and a psychology course in the area of intended master’s emphasis. Any of these requirements may be waived if the student demonstrates competence in the area. Although a student may be admitted with deficiencies, the requirements must be fulfilled before the student is admitted to any 6000-level course. In addition, certain graduate courses have specific undergraduate prerequisites.
- If admitted, students who do not have an undergraduate degree in Psychology must have the specified prerequisites for all graduate courses. For example, these students need to complete Psychology of Learning (EXP 4404), or its equivalent, before taking Advanced Behavior Modification (EAB 5705).
- If admitted, students who have an undergraduate degree in Psychology are considered to have met the prerequisites for courses in the graduate core.

Non-Degree Students

The department may be petitioned to apply up to 12 sh earned at UWF as a non-degree student toward the M.A. degree, if the student is later admitted into the graduate program. See the Non-Degree Seeking Status (http://catalog.uwf.edu/graduate/academicpolicies/general/#non-degreeseekingstatus) policy.

Degree Requirements

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the M.A. in Psychology must meet the requirements listed below.

Graduate students should develop their degree plans with their advisors during the first semester of graduate work. All students must complete University requirements and a planned degree program (36 sh for Applied Experimental Psychology Specialization, 42 sh for Industrial-Organizational Psychology Specialization, 45 sh for the Counseling-Thesis Option Psychology Specialization; 60 sh for the Counseling-Licensed Mental Health Counselor Specialization) with at least a 3.0 GPA and with these stipulations:

- Only with approval of the advisor and department chairperson may courses outside the Psychology Department (except required courses) be taken toward the total sh requirement.
- All students must complete PSY 6217 Research Design in Psychology; EXP 5735 Experimental and Correlational Statistics for Psychology or STA 5166 Special Topics in Statistics or an advisor approved elective and at least one course from each of the four core areas.

All graduate students must receive a B- or higher in all graduate coursework. If a student receives a C+ or lower in a psychology graduate course, they must repeat the course or an equivalent approved by the Department Chair.

With the advisor’s approval, a student may apply a maximum of 6 sh of graduate work taken at another University toward the degree. With the approval of the school Chair, a maximum of 10 sh of transfer credit may be accepted toward the degree.

All master’s work must have been taken within six years preceding completion of the degree requirements or the student will be required to retake any expired course work.

In order to switch tracks, students must meet with the program coordinator of both tracks. Students must also submit a new letter of intent describing their career goals and how the track will help them in their pursuit of these goals. Students will be re-evaluated for the new track based on their current class performance and new letter of intent.

Students who receive approval to switch tracks must meet with an advisor from the new track to review degree requirements. Students may apply for a track change only once.
Psychology Graduate Core (18 sh)

Students must complete one course in each area as identified by their specialization.

Biological Bases of Behavior Core-choose one of the following:

- EXP 5208 Advanced Sensation and Perception 3
- EXP 5256 Human Factors Psychology (I/O only)
- PSB 5035 Cognitive Neuroscience

Social Bases of Behavior Core-Choose one of the following:

- PCO 6278 Multicultural Counseling (LMHC only) 3
- SOP 6069 Advanced Social Psychology
- SOP 6669 Advanced Organizational Psychology (I/O Only)

Acquired Bases of Behavior Core-Choose one of the following:

- EAB 5705 Advanced Behavior Modification 3
- EXP 6506 Advanced Cognitive Psychology
- INP 6325 Training and Development (I/O Only)

Individual Bases of Behavior Core-Choose one of the following:

- DEP 5055 Developmental Psychology
- INP 6216 Personnel Selection and Appraisal (I/O Only)
- PCO 6216 Theories of Individual Counseling (LMHC Only)

All students must complete:

- PSY 6217 Research Design in Psychology 3
- And either:
  - EXP 5735 Experimental and Correlational Statistics for Psychology 3
  - STA 5166 Special Topics in Statistics (or) advisor approved elective

Total Hours 18

Toward the end of graduate work, the student must have an integrative experience consisting of 6 sh of one of the following courses:

- PSY 6917 Supervised Research 1-6
- PSY 6948 Internship 1-6
- PSY 6971 Thesis 1-6

A maximum of 6 sh of supervised research, thesis, or internship credit may be counted toward the total sh degree requirement.

Consistent with the University’s Continuous Enrollment Policy for Thesis Students, students registered for thesis, supervised research (TeRP) or internship must be continuously enrolled at UWF (not including summer) after they have registered for their first capstone credit hour. A student may satisfy the intent of continuous registration by registering for thesis credits, supervised research, internship, or graduate coursework. Students who fail to do so will receive a warning letter from the Department of Psychology Chair suggesting that they may be removed from the program or required to start their Capstone project over.

Once a student has registered for six hours of thesis, supervised research (TeRP), or internship, that student must show continued satisfactory progress. After the first semester (following the completion of six hours) students are enrolled, any students who fail to make satisfactory progress will receive a warning from their advisor stating that they must show satisfactory progress in the next semester or potentially be removed from the program. These students must also meet with their committee to discuss how they plan to complete the project if allowed to remain in the program. Following a second semester in which students fail to make progress, a letter will be sent to those students by the Department of Psychology Chair. This letter will detail the milestones that MUST be met by the end of that semester. If the student fails to meet the milestones (as judged by the student’s committee) after the third semester, then those students will receive the grade of “U” and will not be permitted to continue in the program. Students may petition for a waiver under extraordinary circumstances such as health issues or other life crisis.

Students doing an internship are required to submit a portfolio and/or paper, depending on the specialization, as described in the Psychology Graduate Student Handbook. Upon completion of the thesis or internship, the student must present an oral defense to a master’s committee of at least two psychology faculty members.

The Supervised Research integrative experience is the Terminal Research Project (TeRP). This can be accomplished by students completing 6 sh of PSY 6917 Supervised Research. This option allows students to design and complete an independent empirical study under the supervision of a two member faculty supervisory committee with the committee head being a tenure track faculty member from the Department of Psychology. The terminal experience for students who choose this option will consist of three elements:

- Completing an empirical study and having an initial defense before the TeRP committee
- Making an oral presentation to the students and faculty of the Department and invited guests
- Preparing a manuscript intended for publication in a refereed academic journal

Applied Experimental Psychology Concentration

The Applied Experimental Specialization is designed for those students who wish to do graduate work with a focus on research and its application in areas of psychology such as biological psychology, cognitive neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, experimental psychology, health psychology, or human factors psychology. Graduates from the Applied Experimental Specialization are expected to matriculate into doctoral programs at major universities or find employment in community college teaching, research centers, public agencies, or industry.

The 36 sh curriculum provides coverage of the basic content areas of psychology (e.g., biological, cognitive, developmental, social), the research tools of psychology (e.g., research design, statistics), and in the student’s field of interest through electives, independent study, supervised research, and the thesis for terminal research project. Examples of areas of possible student specialization include behavior modification, biological psychology, cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology, health psychology, human factors, sensation and perception, social psychology, and family science.

In addition to the 24 hours of core requirements (Research Design, Graduate Statistics, Four Bases of Behavior and Capstone), Applied Experimental students must complete the following:
**Concentration (6 sh)**

- EXP 5208 Advanced Sensation and Perception (or) 3
- PSB 5035 Cognitive Neuroscience * 3
- EXP 6085 Seminar in Applied Psychological Sciences 3

Total Hours 6

* These AEP concentration courses also meet the Psychology Biological Bases Core requirement

**Recommended Electives (6 sh)**

- EXP 5256 Human Factors Psychology 3
- advisor approved elective 3

**Counseling Psychology Thesis Option Concentration**

The Counseling Psychology Thesis Option concentration is a 45 semester hour graduate program designed primarily to prepare individuals for admission to a doctoral program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. This degree option focuses on establishing the essential graduate foundation in counseling psychology to support and enhance doctoral training. This option requires completion of specialty courses and a total of 450 hours (6 sh) of practicum/internship field placement in the area of counseling psychology and a research-based thesis.

In addition to the 18 hours of core requirements (Research Design, Graduate Statistics, Four Bases of Behavior - Counseling students take PCO 6216 Theories of Individual Counseling to meet Individual Bases of Behavior portion of the core), Counseling Thesis Option students must complete the following:

**Concentration (15 sh)**

- CLP 5166 Psychopathology 3
- PCO 6204 Pre-Practicum: Techniques of Counseling and Psychotherapy 3
- PCO 6206C Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling 3
- PCO 6246 Theories of Group Counseling 3
- Graduate Elective Course 3

Total Hours 15

Students are strongly advised to take PCO 6315 Assessment in Counseling to fulfill the elective in the program. Other options must be discussed with their advisor.

**Application (12 sh)**

- PCO 6946 Practicum in Counseling 3
- PCO 6948 Internship in Counseling 1-6
- PSY 6971 Thesis 1-6

Total Hours 5-15

**Counseling Psychology-Licensed Mental Health Counselor**

The Licensed Mental Health Counselor option is a 60 sh program with requirements comparable to the requirements established by the Florida state board for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor. Attainment of the degree does not entitle conferral of the license, which is governed by the state licensing board. This degree option focuses on meeting current licensure requirements, preparing the graduate for a career as a licensed mental health counselor, and requires completion of specialty coursework and a total of 1000 hours (9 sh) of practicum/internship field placement in a mental health setting. Upon graduation from the licensure option, the individual should be in a position to qualify to register with the state licensing board as an intern and to obtain the two year post-degree supervised experience required by the board for licensure.

In addition to the 18 hours of core requirements (Research Design, Graduate Statistics, Four Bases of Behavior - Counseling students take PCO 6216 Theories of Individual Counseling to meet Individual Bases of Behavior portion of the core), Licensed Mental Health Counseling students must complete the following:

**Concentration (15 sh)**

- PCO 6315 Assessment in Counseling 3
- CLP 5166 Psychopathology 3
- PCO 6246 Theories of Group Counseling 3
- PCO 6206C Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling 3
- PCO 6204 Pre-Practicum: Techniques of Counseling and Psychotherapy 3

Total Hours 15

**Application (9 sh)**

- PCO 6946 Practicum in Counseling 3
- PCO 6948 Internship in Counseling 1-6

Total Hours 4-9

**Elective (3 sh)**

**Licensure Courses (15 sh)**

- DEP 5055 Developmental Psychology 3
- SOP 6776 Human Sexuality and Sex Therapy 3
- SDS 6345 Educational and Vocational Guidance 3
- PCO 6312 Substance Abuse Counseling 3
- CYP 6005 Community Psychology 3

Total Hours 15

**Industrial-Organizational Psychology Concentration**

The 42 sh Industrial-Organizational (I/O) concentration combines traditional personnel psychology (selection, performance appraisal, test construction and validation, fair employment practices, and legal issues) with the more interpersonal emphasis of organizational psychology (motivation, job satisfaction, leadership, interpersonal communication, organizational diagnosis, and change). The curriculum meets the needs of students who plan to be employed at the master’s level in organizational settings as well as those who wish to pursue a doctoral program in a related field at another University.

In addition to the 24 hours of core requirements (Research Design, Graduate Statistics, Four Bases of Behavior - I/O students take EXP 5256 Human Factors to meet the Biological Bases portion of the core, SOP 6669 Advanced Organizational Psychology to meet the Social Bases portion of the core, INP 6325 Training and Development to meet the Acquired Bases portion of the core, and INP 6216 Personnel Selection and Appraisal to meet Individual Bases...
of Behavior portion of the core, and Capstone), I/O students must complete the following:

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### Electives (6 sh)

Students must complete at least 6 semester hours of elective courses relevant to I/O and chosen in consultation with the advisor. Recommended electives include:

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Additional statistics, or courses in Organizational Development (OD) offered in collaboration with the Management Department. No more than 49% of the program requirements for the M. A. in Psychology degree may be taken in traditional business subjects.

### Health Psychology Certificate

Department: Psychology  
Method of Instruction: Classroom  
Semester Hours (completed during the course of and/or in addition to degree requirements): 21

Health is broadly conceptualized as physical, psychological, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. The health psychology certificate at UWF recognizes the interacting roles of body, mind, and spirit in health. The curriculum of the health psychology certificate balances Eastern and Western approaches to health, with an emphasis on the contributions of the field of psychology.

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