Department of Psychology
General Psychology Master’s Program Information Session
What Subjects are Included in the General MA Program?

• Can I specialize in the General MA Program? YES!
  • Social Psychology
  • Cognition/Perception & Neuroscience
  • Clinical/Clinical Neuroscience
  • Forensic
  • Social and Consumer

• Some students don’t specialize in a particular area
What Subjects are NOT Part of the General Psychology MA Program?

- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
  - Separate application process
  - Different requirements for completion
- Attend the Industrial/Organizational Psychology MA information session to find out more!
Why Study Psychology at NYU?

• Comprehensive curriculum in many areas
  http://psych.nyu.edu/programs/

• Courses: http://psych.nyu.edu/courses/

• Small courses with individual attention and personalized interaction

• Quality instruction with top faculty dedicated to teaching, research and/or practice

• Research opportunities
  • Psychology Department
  • Other NYU departments
  • Other NY area universities, hospitals, and organizations

• Internship opportunities to gain work experience
  • NYU network of students, alumni and faculty
  • Wasserman Center for Career Development
What are the Requirements to Graduate?

- **Completion of 12 courses (36 credits)**
  - GPA of 3.0
  - A grade of B in Core courses

- 3 of Core A & B courses
  - 2 A + 1 B
  - or 2 B + 1 A

- Required Core C courses
  - Statistics
  - Research Methods

- 7 elective courses to specialize

- Requirements for Social/Consumer & Forensic Psychology tracks differ slightly
  - See website
What are the Requirements to Graduate?

- **Core A**
  - Principles of Learning
  - Cognitive Psychology
  - Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Physiological Basis of Behavior
  - Sensation and Perception

- **Core B**
  - Psychology of Social Behavior
  - Theories of Personality
  - Psychopathology
  - Developmental Psychology
  - Affective Neuroscience

- **A variety of electives to specialize**
What are the Requirements to Graduate?

• Comprehensive Exams or Thesis

• Thesis
  • By permission
  • If in good academic standing
  • Work with a research sponsor

• Comprehensive Exams
  • Tests knowledge in 3 Core areas
Taking Advantage of NYU

• **Classes can be taken at many NYU Schools**
  • Stern School of Business
  • Steinhardt School of Education and Applied Psychology
  • School of Continuing and Professional Studies
  • NYU Polytechnic

• **Career development**
  • Wasserman Career Center
When and Where are Classes Held?

• Monday to Thursdays
• Classes meet once a week
  • Except Statistics, meets twice a week

• Late afternoon or evenings
  • Most classes are 4:20 - 6:10 p.m. or 6:20 - 8:10 p.m.
  • A few are earlier in afternoon

• Most classes meet in the Psychology building
  • 6 Washington Place, New York
  • Or in nearby buildings
How Many Semesters Each Year?

- **Fall semester**
  - Early September to mid-December
  - Take up to 3 classes (a total of 9 credits)
    - 1 meeting per week per class

- **Spring semester**
  - Late January to mid-May
  - Take up to 3 classes (a total of 9 credits)
    - 1 meeting per week

- **Summer I session**
  - Mid-May through June
  - Take 1 class (optional; a total of 3 credits)
    - 2 meetings per week

- **Summer II session**
  - July through mid-August
  - Take 1 class (optional; a total of 3 credits)
    - 2 meetings per week
How Long Will it Take to Finish?

- As little as 2 years
  - For those attending full-time

- Up to 5 years
  - For those working full-time and need to take fewer courses per semester

- Thesis completion usually takes one full year
  - While taking classes

- Preparation for comprehensive exams usually takes three months
  - While taking classes
Student Community

• **Graduate Psychology Association (GPA)**
  • Organizes social events
  • Organizes professional forums
  • Support and mentoring

• **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**
  - Clinical
  - Forensic
  - International Student Club
  - Cognition/Perception/Cognitive Neuroscience
  - ANST – Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training
  - Social Psychology
  - Social and Consumer Psychology
Where Do Alumni Go When They Graduate?

- **Ph.D. programs**
  - Psychology
  - Business
- **Other clinical graduate programs**
  - Psy.D. programs
  - MSW programs
  - Counseling, MA or Ph.D. programs
  - Institute training in a specific area
- **Law School**
- **Employment**
Where Do Our Graduates Go?

Doctoral Program Acceptances
- Dartmouth
- Ohio State
- U Mass/Amherst
- McGill
- North Texas
- Brigham Young
- Stony Brook
- Berkeley
- University of Illinois
- University of Chicago
- Michigan State
- NYU
- Tufts
- Rutgers
- City University of NY
- Long Island University
- Stanford
- George Washington
- Fordham …and more!

Employment
- IBM
- AOL
- GOOGLE
- Pathways to Housing (clinical)
- Ctr. For Supportive Schools (clinical)
- Citizen's Crime Commission of NYC
- Sony
- MTV/Viacom
- EAC Brooklyn Tasc (Forensic)
- Publicis
- American Health Services
- New York Presbyterian
- Insight Strategy Group
- Multiple medium-sized consulting or marketing firms …and more!
How Do I Apply?

• Submit your application materials online
  • http://gsas.nyu.edu/object/grad.admissions.onlineapp

• Questions on the application process
  • Email: gsas.admissions@nyu.edu

• Score requests and reference letters should be sent to NYU admissions
  • Graduate Enrollment Services (GES)
  • NOT to Psychology Department
What is Required for Application?

• B.A. degree or equivalent
• GPA of at least 3.0
• Not necessary to have been a psychology major
  • BUT must have undergraduate course prerequisites before starting MA Program
    • Introduction to Psychology
    • Statistics
  • Both with a grade of B or better
• GRE guidelines
  • 156 Quantitative, 158 Verbal, 4.5 Analytical Writing
• GMAT is accepted, should be >600
• 3 reference letters – preferably at least 2 from academic institution
• Statement of purpose
  • Clear, specific statement of prior achievements and goals for the MA
  • Demonstrate knowledge about specific opportunities at NYU
Tuition and Financial Aid

• See **NYU Bursar** for the most up to date tuition and fees
• Tuition is per credit, plus fees
• Currently approximately $64,000 total
• No scholarships, grants, or financial aid available - only qualifying loans
• Paid teaching assistant positions exist, not guaranteed
• Paid research assistant positions are rare
Application Deadlines

• Fall semester
  • March 1st

• Spring Semester
  • October 1st

• Summer Semester
  • January 15th

• When will you hear if you were accepted?
  • Approximately 4-6 weeks after application deadlines
How Will Admission Decisions Be Made?

• Acceptance is based on many factors
  • Official requirements
  • Scholarly achievements
  • Work/research/professional experience
  • Publications/presentations/honors
  • Statement of purpose
    • Goals expressed
    • Clarity of expression
    • Writing effectiveness
How Can I Find Out More?

• Visit our website
  • www.psych.nyu.edu/ma

• Contact Academic Affairs
  • (212) 998-7920
  • 6 Washington Place, room 158
  • Dana Eaton dana.eaton@nyu.edu

• Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
  http://gsas.nyu.edu/page/grad.admissionsapplication
Thank You For Joining Us!

- NYU may be the best place to find your future direction
- We hope to provide an unparalleled route forward for those that fit our program best

• Best wishes in your pursuits…
Any Questions?