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Master of Arts In Psychology

Fall 2027 Admission

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Psychology Department Mission Statement

- Provides comprehensive academic training through diverse approaches.
- Equips students to meet program learning outcomes and engage with with diverse global, economic, ethnic, historical, and political perspectives.
- Prepares students for doctoral studies or research-based careers.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW (cont.)



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Why Choose Our Program?

- **Comprehensive Curriculum:** Solid foundation in psychological theories with an emphasis on advanced quantitative methods to real-world research.
- **Practical Skills:** Learn to address theoretical and societal issues using evidence-based, cutting-edge research methodologies.
- **Pathway to a Doctoral Program:** Ideal preparation for PhD programs in psychology or related fields.
- **Experienced Faculty:** Learn from expert faculty dedicated to your academic and professional success.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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Program Options & Opportunities

Culminating Experience

- ***Thesis Option:*** Conduct in-depth research.
- ***Applied Option:*** Work with a community partner on program evaluation.

Research & Fieldwork

- Engage in impactful research.
- Gain real-world experience with community partners.

Program Format

- In-person classes at CSUCI main campus.
- Designed for completion in 2 years.



ACADEMIC ROADMAP

What are the Classes Like?

Some involve lectures and discussions, while others focus on hands-on practice, including:

- Five Required Courses (**17 units**)
- Culminating Experience (**6 units**)
→ Students will complete either an internship project related to fieldwork or a thesis.
- Electives (**9 units**)
→ Students must complete three graduate level courses offered by the Psychology department (or related fields outside of Psychology with approval of the graduate advisor).



Total = 32 units

ACADEMIC ROADMAP (cont.)



YEAR I

Fall Semester (10 units)

- PSY 501 Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology (4)
- PSY 523 Teaching of Psychology (3)
- Elective (3). Choose one of the following options:
 - PSY 503 Advanced Social Psychology
 - PSY 520 Advanced Developmental Psychology
 - PSY 521 Seminar in Cognition
 - PSY 522 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
 - PSY 590 Topics in Psychology

Spring Semester (9 units)

- PSY 504 Psychometrics (3)
- PSY 505 Program Evaluation (3)
- Elective (3). Choose one of the following options:
 - PSY 503 Advanced Social Psychology
 - PSY 520 Advanced Developmental Psychology
 - PSY 521 Seminar in Cognition
 - PSY 522 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
 - PSY 590 Topics in Psychology

ACADEMIC ROADMAP (cont.)



YEAR 2

Fall Semester (10 units)

- PSY 511 Multivariate Analysis (4)
- PSY 598 Internship Project (3) **or** PSY 599 Thesis (3)
- Elective (3). Choose one of the following options:
 - PSY 503 Advanced Social Psychology
 - PSY 520 Advanced Developmental Psychology
 - PSY 521 Seminar in Cognition
 - PSY 522 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
 - PSY 590 Topics in Psychology

Spring Semester (3 to 6 units)

- PSY 598 Internship Project (3) **or** PSY 599 Thesis (3)
- Elective (3) ***if needed***. Choose one of the following options:
 - PSY 503 Advanced Social Psychology
 - PSY 520 Advanced Developmental Psychology
 - PSY 521 Seminar in Cognition
 - PSY 522 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
 - PSY 590 Topics in Psychology

NOTE: This program does not include clinical training or licensure preparation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Psychology Department Graduates Will Be Well-Equipped To:

- Pursue careers with public or non-profit organizations assessing policies and evaluating program effectiveness.
- Work as statistical and psychometric consultants.
- Pursue Ph.D. programs in Psychology or related fields.
- Work in research institutions or academia.
- Apply psychological expertise in various industries, including healthcare, government, and business as well as non-profit organizations.



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Applicants:

- Have completed a four-year college or university program in Psychology or a related scientific field (e.g., Biology or Cognitive Science) and hold an acceptable bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended.
- Have earned a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in the bachelor's degree program.
- Have attained a minimum GPA of 2.5 (A = 4.0) in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units attempted.



PRE-REQUISITES

Applicants must have completed foundation courses with **at least a grade of C** to qualify for admission.

Required coursework:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Biostatistics or Introductory Statistics
- Psychological Research & Statistical Methods (or equivalent)

Conditional admission may be offered to non-psychology majors; prerequisites must be completed before starting the program.



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CAL STATE APPLY

Application Requirements Summary:

1. GPA Requirements:

Preferred: Minimum GPA of 3.0

Considered (Conditional): GPA between 2.5 – 2.99
with additional supporting evidence.

2. Personal Statement:

Length: 500 words

Content Must Include: Educational background,
research experience, career goals, etc.



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CAL STATE APPLY (cont.)

Application Requirements Summary:

3. Résumé or Curriculum Vitae (CV): Must be uploaded

4. Letters of Recommendation:

Total Required: 3

Minimum from Psychology Faculty: 2

Other acceptable: Faculty from other disciplines

Content: Should reflect academic background and performance

5. Application Fee:

Amount: \$70 (non-refundable)



IMPORTANT DATES



- **Summer Information Session:**
June 26, 2026 from 1:00 to 2:00PM (PST)
July 31, 2026 from 12:00 to 1:00PM (PST)
- **Fall Information Session:** September 4, 2026 from 1:00 to 2:00PM (PST)
- **Application Open Date:** October 1, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** January 15, 2027
- **Unofficial Transcript Deadline:** January 15, 2027
- **Admission Process:** Late February/Early March, 2027



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