

Program: Psychology **Dept:** Psychology
Major: Psychology - Experimental Psychology **College:** Education and Professional Studies
Degree: Master of Science (M.S.) **Major Code:** 3813

Psychology--Experimental Psychology, M.S.

The master’s degree in Experimental Psychology is a flexible degree program that prepares students for doctoral study in psychology and related fields and for specialized, research-oriented occupations. The Experimental major requires a minimum of 37 graduate credit hours. In addition to the core courses required for all M.S. students, Experimental majors must also enroll in PSY 5273 Perception and Action and PSY 5383 Multivariate Analysis in Psychology plus additional course work as required by the advisory committee. Students must submit a thesis in partial fulfillment of their degree requirements. Each student’s advisory committee constitutes the reading committee for the master’s thesis. The master’s thesis is an original, independent, experimental research project with the potential for publication in a scholarly journal. Consult the publication manual of the American Psychological Association for clarification of what qualifies as research in experimental psychology and for guidance regarding the design and reporting of psychological science research.

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Experimental Psychology major. Students are admitted separately to the graduate college and to the specific academic major/program.

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor’s and master’s degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as “senior” standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year).
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student’s undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/). Application deadline is January 15 for fall semester admissions and August 15 for spring or summer admission.
- Official copies of graduate and undergraduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:*
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA AND a minimum 3.0 in the student’s major, or in the 60 hours attempted.
 - Completion of 21 undergraduate hours in psychology including a course in Advanced Statistics: SPSS or an equivalent course.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).
- A preferred GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections and a minimum of 3.5 on the analytical writing section (scores above the median strongly preferred).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

- A personal statement describing the student’s research interests and prior research experiences for use in identifying potential thesis mentors (maximum 500 words) should accompany the application.
- Two letters of recommendation that describe the applicant’s academic preparation, research potential, and readiness for graduate school should accompany the application. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal.

Note: Please understand that admission to the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) does not guarantee admission to the

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies in the first semester. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and graduate program coordinator before it is considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of “C”.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Thesis. Each student must enroll in PSY 5990 in the final semester, complete an acceptable thesis, successfully defend it in public, provide the required materials to the graduate college, and archive it according to JCGS guidelines.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the posted deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....37 Hours
Core Psychology Coursework.....18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5143	Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY	5193	Experimental Design
PSY	5623	Theories of Personality
PSY	5563	Advanced Social Psychology

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PSY	5633	Cognitive Psychology
PSY	5783	Behavioral Neuroscience

Experimental Psychology Required Coursework..... 18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5383	Multivariate Analysis w/SPSS
PSY	5273	Perception and Action
Plus 12 hours additional approved graduate courses		

Capstone Experience 1 Hour

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5990	Thesis

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 37 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BS to MS

Students expecting to graduate with an undergraduate degree in Psychology from UCO may apply during the last semester of their junior year (or within 30 hours of graduation) for application to the Accelerated Degree Program in Psychology — Experimental Psychology M.S. if they have a 3.0 overall GPA. If accepted to the Accelerated Degree Program, students may take up to 9 graduate hours during their senior year that will count toward both the Psychology bachelor's degree as upper-elective credits as well as the Psychology — Experimental Psychology M.S. degree. The following graduate courses are approved for dual credit: PSY 5623, 5383, 5273, 5193, and 5143.