Psychology--Experimental Psychology, M.A.

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 42 graduate credit hours. In addition to the core courses required for all M.A. students, Experimental majors must also enroll in PSY 5343 Psychology as Science 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, with the addition of one faculty member from outside the department, constitutes the reading committee for the master’s thesis. The member from outside the department, will, at the request of the student, be appointed by the graduate dean along with confirmation of the entire committee as the thesis begins. 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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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 (p.15).
  ◦ A GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections (800 combined on the previous scale) 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 Admissions to Graduate Studies (p.13).

• 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.

Note: Please understand that admission to the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) does not guarantee admission to the Experimental Psychology major. Students are admitted separately to the graduate college and to the specific academic major/program.

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. https://www.uco.edu/ceps/departments/psy/

• 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

Core Psychology Coursework...........................................18 Hours

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Experimental Psychology Required Coursework.......18 Hours

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Capstone Experience ..................................................1 Hour

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TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ...........................................37 HOURS

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