

Program:	Psychology	Dept:	Psychology
Major:	Psychology - General Psychology	College:	Education and Professional Studies
Degree:	Master of Science (M.S.)	Major Code:	3811

Psychology - General Psychology, M.S.

The Master of Science in General Psychology is a 32-hour degree that is designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of students. This degree would be ideal for the student who desires a graduate degree for career advancement in the business world, or for the student who already has a master's degree but is returning to take additional hours for certification or licensure in the mental health or school services fields. The 32-hour M.S. would also be appropriate for those who wish to obtain more advanced knowledge in psychology but do not necessarily want to become a counselor or complete a thesis.

The General Psychology major requires the same core courses as the other options yet has more opportunity for elective coursework and course substitutions.

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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/). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but must be submitted at least two months prior to the start of the semester for which you are applying. Exceptions to this deadline may be made by the program on a case-by-case basis.
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate 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 overall AND a minimum 3.0 in the student's major or in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Completion of 21 undergraduate hours in psychology including a course in Advanced Statistics: SPSS or an equivalent course.
- A personal statement describing the student's academic interests and prior academic experiences for use in identifying potential capstone mentors (maximum 500 words) should accompany the application.
- A letter of recommendation that describes the applicant's academic preparation, research potential, and readiness for graduate college should accompany the application. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal.
- 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. The program will consider waiving the GRE score requirement on a case-by-case basis.

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

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.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must complete a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and file it immediately with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS.) The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the program advisor before it can be 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.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....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
PSY	5633	Cognitive Psychology
PSY	5783	Behavioral Neuroscience

General Electives.....12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
12 hours of elective graduate Psychology courses		

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Capstone Experience 2 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5980	Graduate Project

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 32 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 - General 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-level elective credits as well as the Psychology - General Psychology, M.S. degree. The following graduate courses are approved for dual credit: PSY 5623, 5193, 5143, and a 3 hour - 5000-level Psychology elective.