

MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Overview

The Master of Arts degree in Psychology (MAP) program, a non-clinical, non-licensure track program, is designed to cover all aspects of the psychology profession by emphasizing theory, research, and practice and to give students the broadest range of education and experience to expand their occupational and academic opportunities.

Students are equipped to pursue a career in the areas of industrial and organizational psychology, developmental psychology, or general psychology. This 30-credit program may also serve as a stepping-stone into various doctoral degrees.

Students examine, evaluate, and apply psychological principles and methods in a variety of settings. Each emphasis allows the student to focus on understanding and performing research pertinent to his or her area of study along with practical applications for prevention, intervention, and transformation. Whether the student seeks to impact lives through improving the learning of a child, empowering people to enhance relationships, or transforming the culture of a business, this dual focus gives the student the opportunity to stand out among others in their field of interest, increasing their marketability for jobs and future education.

The material within psychology courses can be sensitive in nature. You may read, study, watch, and discuss potentially disturbing topics. Some of the materials may result in difficulties for you. Some courses in the program require self-examination and/or public discussion regarding sexual history; history of abuse and neglect; psychological treatment; and relationships with parents, peers, and spouses or significant others. Please consult your instructor or an appropriate treatment provider should you have concerns or experience any difficulties.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the M.A. in Psychology

Graduates of the Master of Arts degree in Psychology program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Frame psychological theories and practices through a Christian worldview.
- **PLO 2:** Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
- **PLO 3:** Evaluate key personal and professional ethics affecting psychology professionals.
- **PLO 4:** Evaluate statistical analysis and data management.
- **PLO 5:** Examine cultural and diversity issues within the field of psychology.
- **PLO 6:** Apply theories, skills, and knowledge within the field of psychology.
- **PLO 7:** Demonstrate effective oral communication skills.