

Psychology



STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for specialized training, applied experience, and research are available in many settings including:

- The Community Re-Entry Program
- Behavioral Instructional Service
- Contracts with local schools
- Additional practicum facilities in Stockton including: the Children's Home, Regional Youth Services Program, San Joaquin County Mental Health Services, Head Start, Stockton Unified School District and the Transitional Learning Center for the homeless.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology department offers a program of graduate study leading to the MA degree in behavioral psychology with special strengths in applied behavior analysis, behavioral psychology and behavioral medicine/health psychology. Students receive formal academic training in cognitive-behavioral and behavior analytic principles and techniques. All students obtain experience in relevant applied settings and/or teaching assistantships. The design and conduct of research is heavily emphasized throughout a student's graduate work and students are provided with research mentorship and supervision. Our students have had a high rate of sitting for and passing the BACB exam and being accepted into doctoral programs.



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Graduate Course Offerings

PSYC 207	Psychology of Learning	4
PSYC 220	Clinical Neuropsychology	4
PSYC 251	Behavioral Treatments & Applications	4
PSYC 253	Supervising & Teaching Behavior Change.....	2
PSYC 255	Couples and Family Therapy.....	4
PSYC 256	Behavioral Medicine/Health Psychology	4
PSYC 258	Behavioral Assessment	4
PSYC 260	Behavior Analysis in Organizations.	4
PSYC 283	Research Design	4
PSYC 291	Independent Study	2-4
PSYC 293	Special Topics	4
PSYC 295	Seminars in Selected Topics.	4
PSYC 297	Graduate Research	2-4
PSYC 299	Thesis	4

We offer two tracks leading to the M.A. in Psychology:

- Applied Behavior Analysis Track (M.A. or doctoral preparation)
- Clinical/Counseling Doctoral Preparation Track.

Students wishing to pursue a doctorate in applied behavior analysis should apply under the applied behavior analysis track, but indicate in a cover letter that they ultimately wish to apply to a doctorate program in ABA.

Assistantships

In a typical year almost all graduate students in Psychology receive a substantial amount of financial aid that includes the remission of a significant portion of tuition cost plus a stipend for performing a job (such as a teaching assistant or a traineeship in departmental treatment programs for the mentally or developmentally disabled). Graduate students in psychology take from 8-10 units per semester. Tuition remission will reduce tuition costs by 75% or more for most students. Stipends are approximately \$9,000-\$12,000 for the school year. In the past 6 years, 100% of our graduate students received both tuition remission and a stipend.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general graduate admission requirements, applicants should have completed a bachelor's degree in psychology or a related field with significant coursework in psychology. For the behavioral analysis track, evidence of research, coursework and/or applied experience in the field of behavioral analysis is required. The general GRE is required.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete 26 units of coursework and 4 units of thesis. Normally, 16 units of coursework are completed during the first year of the program, and 10 units of coursework and 4 units of thesis during the second year. Full-time students are expected to spend four semesters and one summer in residence in Stockton as part of completing their program of studies. All students must complete a one year research apprenticeship during their first year. Many students continue on as research apprentices during their second year, particularly those in the doctoral preparation track. Units required for the program are as follows:

- Psychology of Learning – 4 units
- Research Design – 4 units
- Behavioral Treatments/Applications – 4 units
- Supervising & Teaching Behavior Change – 2 units
- Electives (3 courses) – 12 units
- Thesis – 4 units