M.S. in Experimental Psychology

The Master of Science in Experimental Psychology degree program provides students with a strong academic foundation in the theories and concepts of experimental psychology. Through focused coursework and the experience of mentored independent research, students are equipped with comprehensive skills in scientific inquiry and research methodology. These skills may prepare students for admission into a doctoral program in psychology or for career opportunities that include teaching and research in industrial, government, private consulting, health care, and community settings.

Why Pursue an M.S. in Experimental Psychology?

• to develop mastery of advanced theoretical, statistical, and methodological foundations of experimental psychology
• to prepare for a professional career as a researcher and experimental psychologist
• to prepare for admission into a doctoral program in psychology

Thinking Ahead

Graduates of this program can pursue doctoral education in subfields of experimental psychology or become leaders in a variety of professional positions and settings, including:

• Adjunct Professor
• Business / Government Agency
• Lab Manager
• Market Analyst
• Psychology Lecturer
• Research Project Manager
• Statistical Consultant
Overview

This program is geared toward students who have excelled as undergraduate psychology majors (or occasionally, minors), who are interested in pursuing psychological research.

Classes are held on NSU’s main campus in a seminar format that promotes educational growth in a supportive environment.

Small classes maximize learning opportunities.

College faculty members offer a wide variety of professional backgrounds and research expertise.

The college offers professional academic advising, tutoring, study skills support, and career counseling.

Guest lecturers and faculty members share their expertise in the Distinguished Speakers Series and the Faculty Lecture Series.

The successful M.S. in Experimental Psychology graduate is expected to

- Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, theories, and supportive research in the four non-clinical foundational areas of experimental psychology (biological, cognitive, developmental, and social psychology) and in experimental design and analysis;
- Apply research skills in at least one area of experimental psychology by carrying out an independent piece of research in at least one area of experimental psychology with collaboration from a faculty mentor;
- Demonstrate the ability to write experimental reports using APA format and language of the discipline.

Student Opportunities

- access to numerous resources including laboratory space and a large research participant pool
- individual attention and mentoring from professors who provide detailed, directed support for research activities, thesis development, and doctoral program applications
- participation in local and regional conferences that can promote accomplishments and builds professional networks

This publication should not be viewed as a substitution for official program requirements and outcomes. Students are responsible for meeting curriculum and program requirements in the Graduate Student Catalog in effect when the student enters the program.
## 2014–2015 Curriculum

**Major Requirements (36 credits)**

### Core Courses (12 credits)
- PSYC 5100 Behavioral Neuroscience (3 credits)
- PSYC 5200 Cognitive Psychology (3 credits)
- PSYC 5300 Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
- PSYC 5400 Social Psychology (3 credits)

### Required Methodology Courses (9 credits)
- PSYC 5900 Psychological Quantitative Methods I (3 credits)
- PSYC 5910 Psychological Quantitative Methods II (3 credits)
- PSYC 5920 Research Methods in Experimental Psychology (3 credits)

### Thesis (9 credits)
- PSYC 6000 Master’s Thesis (3 credits, repeatable)

**Elective Courses (6 credits)**

Select 6 credits from the following courses:
- PSYC 5110 Sleep, Dreams, and Consciousness (3 credits)
- PSYC 5120 Comparative Psychology (3 credits)
- PSYC 5210 Sensation and Perception (3 credits)
- PSYC 5310 Seminar in Self-Concept Development (3 credits)
- PSYC 5320 Seminar in Gender and Development (3 credits)
- PSYC 5330 Seminar in Social and Personality Development in Childhood (3 credits)
- PSYC 5410 Evolutionary Psychology (3 credits)
- PSYC 5430 Interpersonal Perception (3 credits)
- PSYC 5440 The Social Self (3 credits)
- PSYC 5510 Personality and Individual Differences (3 credits)
- PSYC 5520 Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)
- PSYC 5600 History and Systems in Experimental Psychology (3 credits)
- PSYC 5700 Grant Writing and Getting Published (3 credits)
Nova Southeastern University’s Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences is one of the institution’s 18 schools, colleges, and centers. NSU currently serves more than 28,000 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students in disciplines ranging from osteopathic medicine, oceanography, and business to early childhood education, computer science, and psychology.

Our 300-acre main campus is located near the cultural hubs of Fort Lauderdale and Miami, which exposes our students to unlimited opportunities for personal and professional growth. As a member of the college, you would become part of a campus community of like-minded graduate students and an international network of more than 143,000 alumni.

Admissions
Applicants to the M.S. in Experimental Psychology program are considered in terms of their potential for success in the program.

Required Application Materials Include
- completed online application for the M.S. in Experimental Psychology program
- a nonrefundable, $50 application fee
- final, official undergraduate transcripts including degree conferral (Applicants who have not yet completed their undergraduate degree programs may submit official transcripts prior to degree conferral to be considered for provisional admission to the M.S. in Experimental Psychology program. Final official transcripts must be submitted to receive full admission into the program.)
- official GRE scores
- official GRE score for the Subject Test in Psychology (required only for applicants who did not major in psychology as undergraduates)
- three letters of recommendation (from professors, colleagues, and/or those who can speak on behalf of the applicant’s past academic performance and potential for success in the program)
- a personal statement (approximately 500 words) detailing the ways in which the M.S. in Experimental Psychology program may help the applicant achieve his or her goals

Preferred Admission Qualifications Include
- undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GRE verbal and quantitative combined score of 300 or higher

Application Deadlines
Fall Semester (begins in August): June 1

For More Information
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