

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY, MASTER OF SCIENCE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (M.S.)

Information About the Master’s Degree

There are two Master’s Degrees in General Psychology: this program is in Experimental Psychology which requires a thesis, and there is another one for those who seek the educational requirements to pursue ABA Certification (more information on that program here (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/psychology/general-concentration-aba-ms/>)).

Information About the Experimental Psychology Master’s Program

The Master of Science degree program in General Psychology offers students advanced training in the core areas of psychology and the opportunity to develop and explore specialized areas of interest. Students work closely with a faculty mentor to design an individualized course of study that combines classroom training and hands-on research experience, and culminates in a Master’s thesis. Graduates will have a solid foundation for pursuing doctoral-level training in psychology and related fields or for entry into a variety of work settings.

Admission Requirements

M.S. General Psychology: Experimental Concentration

- Minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.5, or 2.75 for the last 60 hours.
- Minimum of five undergraduate courses in psychology, including general psychology, statistics, experimental psychology, and two other courses acceptable to the departmental admissions committee.
- Satisfactory performance on the general sections of the Graduate Record Examination. Analytical Writing scores of 4.0 or higher are expected.
- Three letters of recommendation; two letters must be related to the undergraduate major, with at least one from psychology faculty.
- Applications for fall admission should be received by March 1. Notification regarding admission normally will be made in April. Students applying later may be accepted as space is available.

Admission is competitive and limited to available space. Meeting the minimum requirements, therefore, does not guarantee admission.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 42.0101

A total of 33 credit hours is required for candidates for the Master of Science in General Psychology.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses in Psychological Foundations		
PSY 833	Beh Research and Measurement	3

PSY 837	Social Psy & Cultural Diversity	3
PSY 849	Advanced Developmental PSY	3
PSY 853	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 859	Cog/Affect Bases of Behavior	3

Concentrations		
Students must select one of the following Concentrations:		18
Experimental Concentration		
Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration (Online Only)		
Exit Requirements		
GRD 857J	MS Psy Written Comp Exam	0
GRD 858J	MS Psychology Oral Comp Exam	0
Total Hours		33

Concentration		
Code	Title	Hours
Concentration Courses		
PSY 862	Statistic & Research Design II	3
Electives		
Choose from nine hours of electives approved by graduate advisor		9
Thesis		
PSY 898	Thesis Research	6
Total Hours		18