



## School of Human Sciences and Humanities

# Psychology

## Master of Arts in Behavioral Sciences-Psychology

The graduate program in Behavioral Sciences-Psychology leads to the Master of Arts Degree. The program is a vehicle for advanced study of human behavior. Course work is taken primarily in psychology, but with faculty permission appropriate course work in other behavioral sciences fields may be allowed. Applicants should have strong undergraduate preparation in the Behavioral Sciences; **those with less than 12 upper-level hours are required to take additional undergraduate course work at UHCL.**

The Psychology program is designed for students desiring to work in social service agencies, to teach at the community college level or planning to pursue a doctoral program at another institution. **Students will NOT be qualified to be licensed as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) after concluding this program.**

### Application for Admission:

#### Application for admission to the University and Psychology Program:

Applicants must complete a university Application for Admission and forward it and all required fees and transcripts to the university Office of Admissions. Currently there is a \$35 fee for the university admission application. Forms and instructions may be requested from the UHCL Office of Admissions as listed below. The university application should be completed as early as possible before the admissions deadline to allow adequate time for the Office of Admissions to process the application and evaluate transcripts. Students cannot begin the Master of Arts in Behavioral Sciences-Psychology program until the university application process is complete. For further information regarding university admission and to request the necessary forms contact:

**Office of Admissions**  
**University of Houston-Clear Lake**  
2700 Bay Area Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77058-1098  
(281) 283-2500  
<http://www.uhcl.edu/admissions/index.html>

#### IMPORTANT ADMISSION NOTE

For acceptance into a graduate degree plan in the School of Human Sciences and Humanities, applicants must have a minimum of a 3.000 cumulative grade point average (gpa) in their last 60 hours of undergraduate course work. Those applicants who are certain that they meet the minimum cumulative gpa requirement are not required to take the GRE. Students whose cumulative gpa falls below 3.000 may still be considered for admission into a graduate degree program. They must submit scores from the Verbal and Quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). To be admitted into degree candidacy in HSH, students must have a minimum score of 2050 using the following formula:  $(\text{gpa in the last 60 undergraduate hours} \times 500) + \text{GRE Verbal} + \text{GRE Quantitative} = 2050$  or higher. In order to have adequate time to review applicants' material, the Application for Admission, transcripts for all prior college course work and GRE scores (if necessary) must be received by the Office of Admissions according to the following deadlines:

**Fall Enrollment** August 1  
**Spring Enrollment** December 1  
**Summer Enrollment** May 1

### Master of Art Behavioral Sciences-Psychology

This degree requires 36 hours with a thesis or project as the master's option or 42 hours with the internship as the master's option. Any undergraduate prerequisite hours not completed before enrollment are additional.

#### Prerequisites:

1. Introductory psychology or equivalent (three hours)
2. Four courses from the following eight areas in psychology with grade of "B-" or better in each course. Grades of "C+" or below are not acceptable.

#### At least two of the four courses must have been taken at the upper-level.

- a.) Systems and theories of psychology
  - b.) Theories of personality
  - c.) Child psychology (developmental psychology)
  - d.) Social psychology
  - e.) Abnormal psychology
  - f.) Learning
  - g.) Brain and behavior (biopsychology; physiological psychology)
  - h.) Cognitive psychology
  - i.) Psychological Thinking
3. Course in statistics. Students whose undergraduate work does not include three hours in statistics must take PSYC 4730 Behavioral Statistics or PSYC 4631 and 4632 Research Design and Statistical Methods I and II.
  4. Students are expected to demonstrate graduate level writing ability. Those students whose writing is deemed unacceptable will be advised to take remedial courses.

### Foundation requirements: 18 hours

PSYC 6036/ PSYC 6037 Research Design and Statistics I and II 6 hours

#### Select four of the following five courses:

PSYC 5031 Human Growth and Development 3 hours  
PSYC 5235 Learning Principles 3 hours  
PSYC 5532 Advanced Social Psychology 3 hours  
*Prerequisites: Social Psychology & Research and Statistics*  
PSYC 6832 Advanced Cognitive Psychology 3 hours  
Prerequisite: PSYC 4832: Cognitive Psychology  
PSYC 6134 Biological Basis of Behavior 3 hours  
*(If an equivalent undergraduate course was taken, substitute PSYC 5432 Psychoactive Drugs)*

# DISTANCE EDUCATION

## Master's Options

Students select one of the options listed below:

PSYC 6739 Graduate Internship <sup>1,2,3</sup>	6 hours
PSYC 6839 Master's Project <sup>1</sup>	6 hours
PSYC 6939 Master's Thesis <sup>1</sup>	6 hours

<sup>1</sup>These three options require considerable advance planning. Students may have to meet additional criteria before being permitted to begin one of these options. Students wanting one of these options must make arrangements with a faculty advisor at least one semester in advance. The university reserves the right to deny admittance to or remove a specific student from a specific internship. Master's projects, theses and internships require continuous registration during each fall and spring semester until completion, for a minimum of six hours. If students do not maintain continuous registration in the master's project, thesis or internship, previously accumulated master's option credits will not count towards the master's degree.

<sup>2</sup>Completion of PSYC 5135 Professional Issues in Human Services is a prerequisite for all PSYC internships.

<sup>3</sup>Completion of PSYC 5134 Interviewing and Assessment is a prerequisite for an internship in a human services setting, unless an equivalent course has been taken previously.

## Area of Specialization

Twelve additional hours (18 additional hours for students doing the internship option) are selected from psychology and/or other relevant disciplines with the approval of the academic advisor and the advising coordinator. These hours are designed to provide a specific disciplinary focus with psychology. These courses may focus on biopsychology, life-span development, human performance or some other area of choice.

## Grades

Only grades of "B-" or better will count towards the master of Arts in Behavioral Sciences-Psychology. Grades of "C+" or below are not acceptable. No more than nine hours of a combination of Independent Study, behavioral Neuroscience Research, or Behavioral Pharmacology Research courses can be counted towards the degree.

A **maximum of 12 graduate credits** earned at another institution may be applied toward the M.A. degree if the following requirements are met:

- The course or courses are pertinent to the degree objective and the Plan of Studies and are graduate level. The course or courses were taken **not more than five years** before admission to graduate study at UHCL.
- Grades of "B-" or better were earned. **Grades of "C+" and below are not acceptable.**
- The course or courses were not applied to a graduate degree already earned.
- The course or courses were not taken by correspondence or extension.
- At least 24 credits of the degree program must be earned at UHCL.

## For more information on UHCL's Distance Education Programs, contact:

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## Additional questions may be addressed to:

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University of Houston-Clear Lake

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