Master of Science in Psychology

Understand why people behave the way they do. Our Master of Science in Psychology gives you the skills to evaluate human behavior and help individuals and groups function more effectively. Although this program doesn’t prepare you for professional licensure, you’ll be able to apply psychological principles to address personal, social and organizational problems.

You’ll learn how to:

• Identify and consider aspects of human development, multicultural and social issues in psychology
• Develop actionable research skills in order to make a difference in organizations and communities
• Apply complex models of acquired behavior, motivation, memory and personality theories
• Apply the American Psychological Association (APA) code of ethics when resolving problems related to human behavior
Projected job growth:

6%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

What can you do with a Master's in Psychology degree?

An MSP can prepare you to be a:

- Psychology instructor
- Compliance manager
- Regulatory affairs manager

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for compliance managers is projected to be average between 2018 and 2028. BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlccommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.
Requirements and prerequisites

You’ll need 39 credits to complete this master’s in psychology. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits.

13 Core courses

The Master of Science in Psychology features 13 core courses in topics ranging from developmental psychology and research methods to physiological psychology and personality theories.

- COM/600: COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR GRADUATE STUDY
- PSYCH/600: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYCH/630: PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYCH/645: PERSONALITY THEORIES
- PSYCH/640: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYCH/635: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING
- PSYCH/620: MULTICULTURAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYCH/660: ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES
- PSYCH/610: RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYCH/625: STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIOR SCIENCES
- PSYCH/655: PSYCHOMETRICS
- PSYCH/650: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
- PSYCH/665: INTEGRATIVE CAPSTONE: PSYCHOLOGY PAST AND PRESENT

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Master of Science in Psychology.

What you'll learn

When you earn your online master’s in psychology, you’ll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Download learning outcomes

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Major concepts, theories, methodologies and historical trends in psychology
- The scientific method and research-related activities in psychology
- Psychological principles to address personal, social and organizational problems and issues
Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Science in Psychology is an educational degree program that provides a foundation of knowledge in the field of psychology. This program does not prepare students for any type of professional certification or licensure as a psychologist, counselor or other mental health provider.