

Master of Science in Psychology (Competency Based-DA)



Approx. program length:

Credits:

Cost per credit:

Format:

\$NA

Online

Tuition Guarantee

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Reach your career goals with a direct-assessment master's in psychology that you can earn faster – and for less. Learn cognitive and affective processes that drive human experience and behavior in various settings and industries. Gain skills in critical thinking and problem solving. Get equipped to apply research methods behavior evaluation and theoretical principles towards a career that helps others.

What are Direct Assessment Programs?

Top skills learned in this program:

- Psychology
- Ethical and social responsibility
- Communication
- Scientific mindedness

Projected job growth:

8%

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 management occupations is projected to be faster than average between 2021 and 2031.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Total credits required:

Requirements and prerequisites

In a competency-based program, you earn competency units by demonstrating your knowledge of a core skill, or competency. Since there are 36 units in this program, one competency equals one unit.

12 Courses

Completion of these courses should provide the confidence and skills needed in this field.

- PSYDA/599: Foundations of Graduate Study in Psychology
- PSYDA/600: Developmental Psychology
- PSYDA/645: Personality Theories
- PSYDA/614: Social Psychology
- PSYDA/620: Multicultural and Social Issues in Psychology
- PSYDA/634: Biological Basis of Behavior
- PSYDA/644: Psychology of Learning and Cognition
- PSYDA/660: Ethics and Professional Issues
- PSYDA/664: Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology
- PSYDA/655: Psychometrics
- PSYDA/650: Psychopathology
- PSYDA/694: Specialty Areas in Applied Psychology

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Master of Psychology (Direct Assessment).

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.

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Integrate psychological principles and practice in the context of human interactions
- Assess the implications of psychological research on the human experience
- Evaluate professional considerations related to ethics and diversity
- Synthesize appropriate tactics for personal and professional communication in psychology

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.