Psychology M.S.

Degree Requirements: 36 Credit Hours

Admission Requirements

New students are admitted to the program in Fall semester only. The program is limited to 12 new students.

Regular

The applicant must have:

1. Completed requirements for the Bachelor’s degree in a college accredited by the proper regional accrediting associations.
2. Taken Introduction to Psychology, an introductory statistics course, and at least two additional courses in psychology. (Research Methods or Experimental Psychology preferred).
3. A 3.0 (4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average or higher on undergraduate work.
4. Minimum Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores of 410 on the Verbal section and 530 on the Quantitative for applicants who took the GRE prior to August, 2011, or minimum scores of 146 on the Verbal section and 145 on the Quantitative section for applicants who took the exam after July 31, 2011.
5. Submitted:
   a. A personal statement that includes a description of career goals, reasons for applying for graduate study at Georgia Southern University, a list of academic achievements, non-academic achievements, relevant work experience, a self-evaluation of maturity level and character.
   b. Recommendations from three individuals who can speak of the applicant’s undergraduate academic performance, potential for graduate study, and maturity level and character.

Provisional

For applicants who meet two out of three of the following criteria for regular admission (GRE-V, GRE-Q, GPA), provisional admission may be granted by the departmental graduate faculty based on their consideration of the materials submitted by the applicant and an interview if done.

Program of Study

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Other Program Requirements

- All students in the MS program must pass a written comprehensive exam given during the spring semester of their second year. The thesis requires an oral defense.
- The program offers an option Teaching Emphasis, which prepares students to potentially serve as Teaching Assistants at University-level. In choosing this option, students will substitute Seminar in Teaching Psychology (PSYC 7631) for Advanced Directed Study (PSYC 7490) as well as meet other criteria.