

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY



### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Master of Science in Psychology at Texas A&M University-San Antonio aims to provide a research-oriented curriculum with broad coverage of common major topics within the discipline of psychology. Successful students earning a master's degree at A&M-San Antonio will acquire advanced skills and knowledge base within a wide range of psychological subdisciplines such as cognitive, comparative, developmental, health, and social psychology.

#### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

- The Master of Science in Psychology offers two degree tracks:
  - Thesis Track (30 cr. hrs. including at least 6 thesis cr. hrs.): Submission of a thesis, based on the in-depth analysis of a research study.
  - Non-Thesis Track (36 cr. hrs. including 3 capstone cr. hrs.): Submission of a literature review or research report, based on a topical study.
- Admitted candidates are required to successfully complete required core courses (9 cr. hrs.), one course from each of the four component areas (12 cr. hrs.), and between 9 and 15 cr. hrs. of electives, thesis, and/or capstone courses depending upon track.
- Courses are primarily offered as face-to-face, but may also include hybrid and online formats.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The program welcomes students of any discipline with a background in research, statistics, and technical writing. If you are considering pursuing a terminal degree in psychology or an adjacent field, holding a master in Psychology can enhance your experience in a doctoral program (e.g., PhD, PsyD, EdD). If you are interested in careers teaching psychology (e.g., high school, community/university level) or working for in the public or private sector performing data analysis and human services functions, holding a master's degree is preferred.

## **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants to the graduate program in Psychology must complete the following:

- 1. Submit their application and required documents by the appropriate semester deadline to GradCas: gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply.
- 2. Send official e-transcripts from all US institutions attended to GradCAS through the online order portal. If your institution does not have official e-transcripts available, they can be mailed to the GradCAS processing center.
- 3. Personal statement (reasons for applying to program, career goals and research interests).
- 4. Resume or Curriculum Vitae.
- 5. Letters from three references.
- 6. A non-refundable \$49.00 application fee.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- March 15th, early admission decision; Teaching Assistantship eligibility (Thesis-Track only)
- July 15th, final admission deadline

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