Department of Psychology
General Psychology Master’s Program Information Session
What Subjects are Included in the General MA Program?

• Can I specialize in the General MA Program? YES!
  • Social Psychology
  • Cognition/Perception & Neuroscience
  • Clinical/Clinical Neuroscience
  • Forensic
  • Social and Consumer

• Some students don’t specialize in a particular area
What Subjects are NOT Part of the General Psychology MA Program?

- **Industrial/Organizational Psychology**
  - Separate application process
  - Different requirements for completion

- **Attend the Industrial/Organizational Psychology MA information session to find out more!**
Why Study Psychology at NYU?

• Comprehensive curriculum in many areas
• Courses: [as.nyu.edu/psychology/courses](as.nyu.edu/psychology/courses)
• Small courses with individual attention and personalized interaction
• Quality instruction with top faculty dedicated to teaching, research and/or practice
• Research opportunities
  • Psychology Department
  • Other NYU departments
  • Other NY area universities, hospitals, and organizations
• Internship opportunities to gain work experience
  • NYU network of students, alumni and faculty
  • Wasserman Center for Career Development
What are the Requirements to Graduate?

• Completion of **12 courses** (36 credits)
  • GPA of 3.0
  • A grade of B in Core courses

• 3 of Core A & B courses
  • 2 A + 1 B
  • or 2 B + 1 A

• Required Core C courses
  • Statistics
  • Research Methods

• 7 elective courses to specialize

• See our [website](#) for recommended courses for the different areas of focus

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The Master's in Psychology program at NYU is a fantastic stepping-stone that provides various courses for you to better understand whether you want to stay within academia or pursue a wildly different career altogether.

-Sherry D. 2018
What are the Requirements to Graduate?

• **Core A**
  • Principles of Learning
  • Cognitive Psychology
  • Cognitive Neuroscience
  • Physiological Basis of Behavior
  • Sensation and Perception

• **Core B**
  • Psychology of Social Behavior
  • Theories of Personality
  • Psychopathology
  • Developmental Psychology
  • Affective Neuroscience

• **A variety of electives to specialize**
What are the Requirements to Graduate?

- **Comprehensive Exams or Thesis**
  - **Thesis**
    - By permission
    - If in good academic standing
    - Work with a research sponsor
  
- **Comprehensive Exams**
  - Tests knowledge in 3 Core areas

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The critical thinking skills that I gained in the NYU General Masters in Psychology Program have proven extremely valuable in both my clinical work and my doctoral program. The diverse background of the faculty and breadth of experience allowed me to consider a range of career possibilities that integrate research, clinical practice, community outreach, and entrepreneurship.

-Brian B. 2013
Taking Advantage of NYU

- **Classes can be taken at many NYU Schools**
  - Stern School of Business
  - Steinhardt School of Education and Applied Psychology
  - School of Professional Studies
  - NYU Tandon School of Engineering
  - NYU School of Law

- **Career development**
  - Wasserman Career Center
When and Where are Classes Held?

- Monday to Thursdays
- Classes meet once a week
  - Except Statistics, meets twice a week
- Late afternoon or evenings
  - Most classes are 4:55-6:45p.m. or 6:55-8:45p.m.
- Most classes meet in the Psychology building
  - 6 Washington Place, New York
  - Or in nearby buildings
How Many Semesters Each Year?

- **Fall semester**
  - Early September to mid-December
  - Take up to 3 classes (a total of 9 credits)
    - 1 meeting per week per class

- **Spring semester**
  - Late January to mid-May
  - Take up to 3 classes (a total of 9 credits)
    - 1 meeting per week

- **Summer I session**
  - Mid-May through June
  - Take 1 class (optional; a total of 3 credits)
    - 2 meetings per week

- **Summer II session**
  - July through mid-August
  - Take 1 class (optional; a total of 3 credits)
    - 2 meetings per week

Attending NYU was one of the most unique and special experiences I have ever had. The professors are so incredibly smart, kind, and generous. I learned so much from them and only wish I could have stayed longer!

-Christina E. 2017
How Long Will it Take to Finish?

• **As little as 2 years**
  • For those attending full-time (3 courses per semester)

• **Up to 5 years**
  • For those working full-time and need to take fewer courses per semester

• **Thesis completion usually takes one full year**
  • While taking classes

• **Preparation for comprehensive exams usually takes three months**
  • While taking classes
Student Community

• **Graduate Psychology Association (GPA)**
  - Organizes social events
  - Organizes professional forums
  - Support and mentoring

• **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**
  - Clinical
  - Forensic
  - International Student Club
  - Cognition/Perception/Cognitive Neuroscience
  - ANST – Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training
  - Social Psychology
  - Social and Consumer Psychology
Where Do Alumni Go When They Graduate?

• Ph.D. programs
  • Psychology
  • Business
• Other clinical graduate programs
  • Psy.D. programs
  • MSW programs
  • Counseling, MA or Ph.D. programs
  • Institute training in a specific area
• Law School
• Employment

Excellent professors and program. The education I received - I still use today. Invaluable!
-Cynthia P. 2014
### Doctoral Programs

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How Do I Apply?

• Submit your application materials online
  • apply.gsas.nyu.edu/apply/

• Questions on the application process
  • Email: gsas.admissions@nyu.edu

• Score requests and reference letters should be sent to NYU admissions
  • Graduate Enrollment Services (GES)
  • NOT to Psychology Department
What is Required for Application?

• B.A. degree or equivalent
• GPA of 3.0
• Not necessary to have been a psychology major
  • BUT must have undergraduate course prerequisites before starting MA Program
    • Introduction to Psychology
    • Statistics
  • Both with a grade of B or better
• 3 reference letters – preferably at least 2 from academic institution
• Statement of purpose
  • Clear, specific statement of prior achievements and goals for the MA
  • Demonstrate knowledge about specific opportunities at NYU
Tuition and Financial Aid

- See [NYU Bursar](#) for the most up to date tuition and fees
- Tuition is per credit, plus fees
- The MA program is 36 credits and is housed within the Graduate School of Arts and Science
- No scholarships, grants, or financial aid available through the department
- Paid teaching assistant positions exist, not guaranteed
- Paid research assistant positions are rare
Application Deadlines

• **Fall semester**
  • March 1st

• **Spring Semester**
  • October 1st

• **When will you hear if you were accepted?**
  • Approximately 4-8 weeks after application deadlines
How Will Admission Decisions Be Made?

- Acceptance is based on many factors
  - Official requirements
  - Scholarly achievements
  - Work/research/professional experience
  - Publications/presentations/honors
  - Statement of purpose
    - Goals expressed
    - Clarity of expression
    - Writing effectiveness

The MA in Psychology program at GSAS, NYU is the best investment I’ve ever made in both my personal life and professional career. Understanding on this level is relevant not only to my corporate career, but applicable to my personal and professional relationships as well. The quality of teaching and guidance from both professors and peers in this environment is unmatched in any other experience.

Ranee C. 2005
How Can I Find Out More?

• Visit our website
  • as.nyu.edu/psychology

• Contact Academic Affairs
  • Raquel Borg rlb428@nyu.edu

• Graduate School of Arts and Science Application Resource Center
  gssas.nyu.edu/admissions
Thank You For Joining Us!

• NYU may be the best place to find your future direction

• We hope to provide an unparalleled route forward for those that fit our program best

• Best wishes in your pursuits…
Web Links

NYU MA General Psychology
GSAS Application Resource Center
Admission Deadlines, Requirements and Test Guidelines
Bursar - GSAS Tuition and Fees
Online Application
GSAS Student Life
Office of Global Services - International Students
NYU Psychology FAQs
NYU Social and Consumer Psychology
NYU Forensic Psychology
Wasserman Career Center
Financing Graduate Education
General Psychology Demographics Fall 2021

**Legal Sex**
- Female: 80%
- Male: 20%

**Areas of Focus**
- Clinical or Clinical Neuroscience: 32%
- Social Psychology: 4%
- Cognitive/Neuroscience: 22%
- Social and Consumer: 11%
- General/No Specialization: 4%
- Forensic: 4%
- #N/A: 20%

**Full Time vs. Part Time Study**
- Part Time: 16%
- Full Time: 84%