

MA in Psychology, Emphasis in Behavioral Neuroscience Psychology

Degree Requirements

A total of 32 credit hours is required for the MA degree with an emphasis in the behavioral neuroscience field of experimental psychology. ~~There is no thesis requirement for the Masters degree.~~ Students are required to complete a master's thesis for this program. Theses should follow the procedures in the Behavioral-Neuroscience Handbook and the Graduate School.

Required Coursework

The following graduate courses are currently required of all Masters students in the Behavioral Neuroscience emphasis area:

PSYCH 5001	Neuropsychological Assessment	3
PSYCH 5407	Psychopharmacology	3
PSYCH 5340	Human Neuroanatomy	3
PSYCH 5400	Seminar: Special Topics in Behavioral Neuroscience ¹	4
PSYCH 5465	Seminar: Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PSYCH 5468	Seminar: Cognitive Processes	3
PSYCH 7421	Quantitative Methods I	4
PSYCH 7422	Quantitative Methods II	4
PSYCH 7483	Directed Research	3
or PSYCH 7484	Directed Readings	
PSYCH 7491	MA Thesis Research	2

Electives **9.7**

~~Choose from among the following or courses approved by graduate director:~~

~~PSYCH 4330 Hormones, The Brain and Behavior~~

~~PSYCH 7403 Psychopathology~~

~~PSYCH 7412 Social Psychology~~

~~PSYCH 7423 Quantitative Methods III~~

~~PSYCH 7429 Psychometric Theory~~

~~PSYCH 7483 Directed Research~~

~~or PSYCH 7484 Directed Readings~~

Total Hours **32**

¹ One credit hour taken per semester.

~~Students should develop, in collaboration with their graduate faculty advisor/mentor in the Department of Psychology, a useful and compatible set of elective courses fitting their individual career goals and preferences.~~

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The Behavioral Neuroscience Faculty in the Department of Psychological Sciences has approved unanimously the proposal to require a thesis for our MA students. Logic is that the thesis ensures a student conducts an experiment from beginning to end that includes data analyses and a complete write-up in journal format. The effort will enhance their educational experience and better prepare the student for employment or further graduate studies.