

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY
COUNSELING
EXPERIMENTAL

The Department of Psychology offers a graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in psychology with a concentration in counseling or experimental psychology. The counseling program requires a minimum of 48 semester hours of graduate study in psychology. The experimental program requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate studies in psychology.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the M. A. program the applicant must meet the following requirements: 1) Possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, 2) An overall grade point average of at least 2.70 (based on the 4.0 system) on all the applicant's previous work beyond high school or a GPA of 3.0 in the last sixty (60) hours of study, 3) Satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (Aptitude Section), 4) Completion of the following undergraduate courses: General Psychology, Statistics through the analysis of variance (ANOVA), Experimental Psychology or Research Methods and one substantive course in psychology. To apply to the M. A. program the following material is required: 1) Application in writing submitted to the Director of Admission, accompanied by a \$35.00 application fee, which is neither deductible nor refundable. 2) Official transcripts of **all previous academic work** attempted beyond high school sent directly to the Director of Admission from each institution attended. Transfer credit posted on the record of other institutions is unacceptable and official transcripts of these credits must be supplied. 3) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, Aptitude Section only. 4) Two letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's competence, interest and aptitude to pursue graduate work in psychology. One letter must be from a faculty member knowledgeable about your academic abilities. 5) An essay describing your interest in psychology, your long term goals and ambitions pertaining to the field of psychology, and what you hope to obtain from the M. A. program at Fayetteville State University. 6) A resume with the following information; your name, address, phone number, and **E-mail address**, academic background (list all colleges attended, dates, and degrees obtained), work experience, academic or professional awards, professional organizations, and related volunteer experience.

Completed applications should be submitted by the second Thursday of March to ensure consideration for admission in the Fall semester. There is no guarantee that applications received after this date will be reviewed in time for the upcoming semester. You may only take courses if you have been unconditional or conditional admitted to the program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development status is reserved for those students not seeking a degree but need to take one or two courses. Those Students must be admitted to the Graduate Studies program. Students wishing to take courses with Professional Development status must get approval in advance from the instructor.

ADMISSIONS TO THE GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ADMISSION TO THE M. A. PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
FOR
MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

The following material should be submitted to the Graduate Program:

1. Application in writing accompanied by a \$35.00 application fee (Check payable to Fayetteville State University).

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Official transcripts of ALL PREVIOUS ACADEMIC WORK attempted beyond high school sent directly to the Graduate Program from each institution attended. We are looking for undergraduate GPAs of around 3.00.3. Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, Aptitude Section only. Last year the average combined GRE score was 1093. University Testing Services at FSU offers the GRE (Click here). |
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4. Two letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate your competence, interest, and aptitude to pursue graduate work in psychology. One letter must be from a faculty member knowledgeable about your academic abilities.
5. An essay (typed and no more than four (4) pages) describing your interest in psychology, your long term goals and ambitions pertaining to the field of psychology, and what you hope to obtain from the M.A. program in experimental psychology at Fayetteville State University. Those students applying to the Experimental Program describe your research interests. (To see the research interest of the faculty go to the web page listed below and click on faculty names.)

<http://www.unctfsu.edu/psychology/Web%20Pages/PSYCRES.htm>

6. A resume with the following information; your name, address, and phone number, academic background (list all colleges attended, dates, and degrees obtained), work experience, academic or professional awards, membership in professional organizations, and related volunteer experience.
7. Admission to the M.A. program in psychology is required before taking any psychology graduate courses. Admission to the program may be **unconditional** or **conditional**. Candidates with conditional admission will have requirements that must be completed with in the first academic year of enrollment.

The deadline for having applications considered for the fall semester is the second Thursday of March. Application materials should be sent to the following address:

The Graduate School
1200 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301