PSYCHOLOGY, MA
Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences

Vision Statement
The Master of Arts in Psychology is designed to give students a broad background in the field of psychology plus a sufficient degree of specialization to prepare them for either careers or further graduate training.

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Admissions
Application Deadlines
• Fall: January 5

Program-Specific Requirements
• Baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
• A minimum of 15 undergraduate semester hours or the equivalent of psychology or related courses including: basic statistics and an upper level laboratory course, independent research, or equivalent, emphasizing the experimental method, data collection, statistical analysis, and report writing are required.
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
• Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
  • From professors and individuals who can speak to applicant’s potential for success in a graduate program.
  • Statement of Purpose
  • Writing Sample (preferred APA style)
  • Resume

Degree Requirements
Student must select an area of concentration.

Required Course
Code  Title
PSYC 8000  THE PROFESSION OF PSYCHOLOGY

Total is determined by which area of concentration is completed.

Other Requirements Needed for a Student to Complete the Program
Obtaining a score of at least 600 on the Advanced Psychology Test of the GRE. (NOTE: not required for the Applied Behavior Analysis, Neuroscience & Behavior, Developmental, Cognitive areas of concentration).

Total Credit Hours: 30-37

Concentrations
Cognitive Concentration: (Thesis Option 30 hours)

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Advanced Cognitive Courses
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¹ PSYC 9910: (Cognitive topic)

Exit Requirement
• Comprehensive Examination
• Thesis
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Industrial Organizational Concentration
(Thesis Option 36 hours)

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Credit Proseminar Required Course
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Breadth Requirement
Select one additional course from list provided by area 3

Industrial Organizational Core Course
Select one of the following: 3

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### Neuroscience and Behavior Concentration (Thesis Option 30 hours)

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**Group I Proseminar**
- Select one of the following: 3
  - PSYC 9210 - PROSEMINAR: PERCEPTION
  - PSYC 9230 - PROSEMINAR: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
  - PSYC 9240 - PROSEMINAR: EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY
  - PSYC 9040 - PROSEMINAR LEARNING
  - PSYC 9070 - PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

**Group II Proseminar**
- Select one of the following: 3
  - PSYC 9430 - PROSEMINAR: PERSONALITY
  - PSYC 9440 - PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
  - PSYC 9560 - PROSEMINAR: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

**Breadth Requirement**
- Select one additional course from list provided by area. 3

**Neuroscience and Behavior Field-related Electives**
- To be determined in consultation with your graduate advisor; approved 6
  - GBCA (UNMC) allowed, may be PSYC, BIOL, or NEUR 8- or 9-level courses except the following:
    - PSYC 8990 - THESIS
    - PSYC 9960 - RESEARCH OTHER THAN THESIS

**Neuroscience and Behavior Electives**
- To be determined in consultation with your graduate advisor; approved 3
  - GBCA (UNMC) allowed, may be PSYC, BIOL, or NEUR 8- or 9-level courses except the following:
    - PSYC 8990 - THESIS

**Total Credits**
- 30

### Exit Requirements
- Comprehensive Examination
- Thesis
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### Social/Personality Concentration (Thesis Option 30 hours)

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**Breadth Requirement**
- Select one additional course from list provided by area.

**Additional Required Social/Personality Concentration Courses**
- PSYC 9550 - PSYCHOSOCIAL DEVELOPMENT 3

**Social/Personality Concentration Electives**
- (6 hours) to be determined in consultation with your graduate advisor 6
  - any PSYC 8— or 9—level course.
  - PSYC 8990 - THESIS 6

**Total Credits**
- 27

### Social/Personality Exit Requirements
- Thesis
  - All candidates should carefully review the Graduate College requirements for forming the Supervisory Committee, Thesis/Thesis Equivalent Proposal Approval Forms and final approval of a thesis and final submission of the thesis.
- Social/Personality MA Comps
  - Option 1: PSYC GRE
    - Proseminar requirement (3 non-stat prosems or 2 non-stat prosems and a waiver/substitution) with a grade of B- or better.
    - PSYC GRE score of 600 or better.
  - Option 2: Research
    - Proseminar requirement (3 non-stat prosems or 2 non-stat prosems and a waiver/substitution) with a grade of B- or better.
    - Research requirement- one from the list below. All research must be conducted at UNO and be supervised by a faculty member from the social/personality psychology area.
      1. Co-author on a presentation or poster at an approved international or national level conference.
      2. First author on a presentation or poster at an approved regional level conference.
      3. Co-author on an accepted publication in a peer review journal.
  - We expect that the student will play a significant role in the research process for satisfaction of the comps requirement. If a co-author, the student must have contributed significantly and meaningfully to the paper or manuscript.
• List of approved conferences (other conferences may be approved by request).
  1. International/National: APA, APS, SPSP, SPSSI, SESP, EASP.
  2. Regional: regional APA conference (e.g., MPA).
• Student will submit an e-mail of request to the Social/Personality director and his/her advisor. Student letter must include citation (authors, title, and conference) and a letter or e-mail showing acceptance.
• Social/Personality area faculty will review the request in case there are any concerns, or the conference is not on the approved list.
• If approved, Social/Personality director will submit the comps completion form to the graduate office.

Developmental Concentration (31-37 hours)
Plan A (Thesis Option 31 hours)
Plan A is recommended for students who plan to pursue a PhD and/or who wish to complete an independent research project (the thesis).

This plan requires completion of a minimum of 31 credit hours, as listed below:

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Developmental Concentration Courses
Select two of the following: 6
PSYC 9070 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY ²
PSYC 9230 PROSEMINAR: BEHAVIORL NEUROSCIENCE ²
PSYC 9430 PROSEMINAR: PERSONALITY
PSYC 9440 PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Advanced Developmental Concentration Seminars
Select two of the following: 6
PSYC 9500 SOCIOEMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PSYC 9510 RESEARCH METHODS IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 9520 LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
PSYC 9530 COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT
PSYC 9540 MEMORY AND MECHANISM OF DEVELOPMENT
PSYC 9550 PSYCHOSOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
PSYC 9590 SEMINAR IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 8990 THESIS

Total Credits 31

¹ PSYC 9960: (1-6 credit hours)
² Note you must take either PSYC 9070 or PSYC 9230 as one of the options.

Plan B (Non-Thesis Option 37 hours)
Plan B is recommended for students who plan to work in an applied setting involving children and/or families and who do not plan to pursue a PhD. This plan requires completion of a minimum of 37 credit hours. In addition to required course work, students choose 3 elective courses (within or outside the Department of Psychology).

Instead of a thesis, students complete two applied practica (6 credit hours).

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Statistics Course
PSYC 9010 PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS I
or PSYC 9020 PROSEMINAR: STATISTICAL METHODS II

Developmental Concentration Proseminars
Select two of the following: 6
PSYC 9070 PROSEMINAR: COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 9230 PROSEMINAR: BEHAVIORL NEUROSCIENCE
PSYC 9430 PROSEMINAR: PERSONALITY
PSYC 9440 PROSEMINAR: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Developmental Concentration Electives
Select three of the following: 9
PSYC 8250 FAMILY ANALYSIS AND TREATMENT
PSYC 8316 PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL TESTING
PSYC 8590 PSYCHOLOGY OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
PSYC 9090 THEORY OF MEASUREMENT AND DESIGN
PSYC 9320 SEMINAR IN PROGRAM EVALUATION
PSYC 9570 APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Advanced Course
Select an additional course outside the department of Psychology (e.g., SOWK, SOC, SPED, GER, CJUS, COUN, and PA).
PSYC 8980 PRACTICUM IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY ² 6

Total Credits 37

¹ PSYC 9960: (1-6 credit hours)
² PSYC 8980: (6 credit hours)

Exit Requirements
• Comprehensive Examination
• Thesis
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**Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration (Non-Thesis Option 36 hours)**

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**Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration Additional Courses**

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**Exit Requirements**

- Comprehensive Examination

**Special Performance Quality Rule**

If at any time a grade of "C", (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in graduate courses become a matter of record, a graduate student in the Department of Psychology will be placed on probation. An unexcused grade of "W" in a proseminar course will be considered equivalent to a grade of "C" for purposes of this policy. An excused "W" must be approved by the chair of the department of psychology. Students placed on this probation will forfeit any departmental graduate assistantship they may have and any approved programs of study will be subject to re-evaluation and change. Before registering for additional courses, a student placed on probation must, with the assistance and approval of his/her advisor, submit a plan for remediation of his/her academic problems, and have that plan approved by the Graduate Program Committee. The Graduate Program Committee will review and, if appropriate, modify the plan. Further, any enrollment in graduate courses must be approved by the Graduate Program Committee. The student will remain on probation until the Graduate Program Committee approves termination of probation status. If a student earns a second "C", the student will be dismissed from the program and the GPC will work to come up with a plan, and evaluate if it is possible for the student to return to the program at some point.