

# M.S. in Experimental Psychology

Advance your career with a Master of Science in Experimental Psychology.

## Objectives

The curriculum produces master's-level psychologists with general knowledge of psychology in various content areas, research methodologies and theoretical formulations. Based on a "mentor model," the program of study, progress, training and thesis are supervised by one or more faculty members. The general program does not prepare or qualify the student for a license in the State of Michigan as a clinical psychologist. It accommodates students preparing for doctoral programs or seeking career advancement in a basic or applied research area.

- PSY 629 - Physiological Psychology 3 hrs
- PSY 632 - Sensation and Perception 3 hrs
- PSY 635 - Cognitive Processes 3 hrs
- PSY 637 - Social Psychology 3 hrs
- PSY 640 - Developmental Psychology 3 hrs
- PSY 646 - Personality: Theory and Research 3 hrs
- PSY 651 - Prepracticum in Experimental Analysis of Behavior 1 hr

## Program Requirements

The M.S. in Psychology (General Experimental) requires 30 graduate hours, with at least 24 in psychology. All students who apply should seek a faculty adviser, or mentor, to act as their sponsor. Students uncertain about a mentor choice, or applying from another campus and unfamiliar with the faculty, may be assigned a temporary mentor by the coordinator of the program. The program is highly individualized and the mentor supervises the student's training, research and master's thesis. Should a student's interests change, a new mentor may be selected with approval from both faculty members and the general experimental program coordinator.

*Up to six hours may be selected from outside the department in consultation with the graduate adviser.*

**Program Total: 30 hours**

### Required Core Courses: 12 hours

- PSY 600 - Psychological Statistics I 3 hrs
- PSY 605 - Research Design 3 hrs
- PSY 692 - Thesis 6 hrs

## Admission Requirements

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who meet all of the requirements for graduate degree admission status listed below:

1. Meet the Graduate School admission requirements;
2. Complete the Graduate School application;
3. Complete an Application Supplement Form (available on the department website);
4. Have an undergraduate GPA of approximately 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale;
5. Have at least 20 hours in psychology, including statistics and experimental psychology;
6. Submit a transcript of GRE scores in which the scores for the verbal and quantitative sections is at 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher;

### Elective Courses: 12–18 hours

- PSY 601 - Psychological Statistics II 3 hrs
- PSY 623 - Experimental Analysis of Behavior 3 hrs
- PSY 626 - Motivation and Emotion 3 hrs

7. Present two letters of recommendation from faculty, employers, or others who can testify to the applicant's suitability for the program of study; and
8. Submit a written account of their academic and professional history and professional goals.

Incomplete applications may not be considered. Credits earned under non-degree student status do not automatically apply to the requirements of the degree program.

All application materials are due in on or before FEBRUARY 1 for the next Fall semester. There are no admissions to degree programs in the winter and summer sessions.

### How to Apply

Visit [emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms\\_gc.php](http://emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms_gc.php) for department application materials and full instructions.

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