

Master of Arts (MA) Psychology with emphasis in Behavioral Neuroscience

Degree Program

- Program is competitive and selective.
- A minimum of 32 credit hours is required for the BN track.
- Masters students will pursue an emphasis in an area of Neuroscience, Behavior and Cognition that coincides with core faculty expertise.
- There is no thesis requirement for the master's degree.

Program Website

http://www.umsi.edu/divisions/artscience/psychology/psychology/masters_exp.html

Application Requirements

1. Application
 - a. <http://www.umsi.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 15 undergraduate hours in psychology before beginning the master's program.
3. Three letters of recommendation
 - a. Letters of recommendation are required from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's recent academic work, normally present or former college teachers.
4. Entrance examinations
 - a. Acceptable Graduate Record Examination scores for the General test is required (<http://www.gre.org/tiindex.html>). (Psychology Subject test is not required.)
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale overall and 3.2 in psychology courses.
6. Personal Statement
 - a. Please describe very clearly in 300-400 words your intended area of study and also your reasons for wishing to pursue this course of study, including your perception of its potential relationship to your career goals and plans.
7. Other
 - a. Any information that you believe is pertinent (e.g., manuscripts, curriculum vita, or resume)

Application Deadline

New students may begin only in the Fall Semester. The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is **January 15**.

Application fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

Assistantships and Fellowships

Typically, there are no departmental funds available for master's students. On occasion there are research assistant positions to work on a grant with a faculty member. Please contact the department.

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