

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Description and Outcomes

The Master of Science in Psychology program provides you with a unique opportunity to balance the rich tradition of the past with exciting contemporary applications of psychology. The curriculum focuses on the processes that underlie the individual human experience and behavior, and core knowledge, theories, and research in the discipline.

Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information. Refer to the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 3) section for additional program disclosure information.

Concentrations

You will select one of four areas of concentration: general psychology, addictions, forensic psychology, or industrial/organizational psychology. You will complete both master's-level core courses and concentration courses, which provide a comprehensive education in psychological theory and practice, and work on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills to assist you in meeting your personal and professional goals in the chosen concentration area.

The general psychology concentration is designed to expose you to a generalist approach to the broad field of psychology. This concentration addresses current broad paradigms such as behavioral approaches, neuropsychological perspectives and technologies, issues in psychopathology, and current and historical information in the area of cognitive psychology. In addition, you will gain knowledge in the use of qualitative analysis, thereby building on your knowledge base of the basic "tools" involved in the scientific approach to understanding psychology.

The addictions concentration provides you with the opportunity to study the principles of addictions counseling, group counseling, psychopharmacology, and co-occurring disorders. Theories are taught with an emphasis on application so that you understand how to use your knowledge to help clients toward recovery.

The forensic psychology concentration is designed to prepare you to work in a variety of forensic settings and with various populations within the criminal and civil legal systems. Courses are designed to provide you with the knowledge of theory, methods, training, and practice of forensic psychology. You will learn about the roles and responsibilities in forensic psychology, as well as legal, diversity, sociocultural, and ethical issues faced by practitioners in the field.

The industrial/organizational psychology concentration is designed for working professionals who seek to broaden their knowledge and apply the principles of industrial/organizational (I/O) psychology in business and organizational settings. The program offers a rigorous exploration of the theories, methods, and practice of industrial/organizational psychology. Specifically, you will explore workplace motivation and attitudes, employee training, evaluation and leadership, organizational behavior, and human resource management.

Tracks of Study

In any of the concentrations, you may elect to complete a thesis as the program's culminating experience or choose the Master's Capstone in Psychology. The thesis track contains two thesis development courses and extends the program by at least one term. A thesis is not required; however, you should consult with your Student Advisor to determine how the thesis track fits with your career goals.

Program Length

The Master of Science in Psychology program consists of a minimum of 60, 65, 70, or 75 quarter credit hours, depending on your track of study. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a master of science degree.

Program Outcomes

1. **Disciplinary Knowledge and Skills:** Understand how contemporary theories relate to real-world situations in various psychology professions in the selected area of concentration.
2. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Critically evaluate and apply psychological theories, as well as theories from the selected area of concentration, and concepts to various client-based situations within the field of psychology.
3. **Research and Application:** Apply theoretical and conceptual foundations of psychology as they relate to the selected area of concentration to arrive at evidence-based professional practice strategies.
4. **Professionalism and Ethics:** Apply ethical, legal, individual, and sociocultural standards and guidelines set forth within the selected area of concentration and field of psychology.

Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the professional competencies associated with your academic program in the Professional Competencies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/professional-competencies/>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/>).

Before enrolling in this program, you must submit a Career Outcomes Survey for approval. You may be asked for additional information based on the results of your survey. If your career goals do not align with the outcomes of the program, you will be denied admission.

Before enrolling in either the addictions or industrial/organizational psychology concentration requiring a practicum or field placement

rotation, you must pass a criminal background check (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/>).

Progression Requirements

1. You can enroll in no more than three courses per term.
2. You may not use credit for prior learning to fulfill the following courses:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-------|--|---------|
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS508 | Ethics for Addictions Professionals | 5 |
| PS511 | Chemical and Psychological Dependency Counseling | 5 |
| PS516 | Psychopharmacology | 5 |
| PS521 | Group Counseling | 5 |
| PS526 | Advanced Addictions Counseling | 5 |
| PS531 | Co-Occurring Disorders and Treatments | 5 |
| PS535 | Addictions Practicum I | 5 |
| PS536 | Addictions Practicum II | 5 |
| PS545 | Industrial/Organizational Field Placement | 5 |
| PS598 | Master's Capstone in Psychology | 5 |
| PS601 | Master's Research and Thesis I | 5 |
| PS602 | Master's Research and Thesis II | 5 |

You must complete these courses at the University. If you are a graduate of the University's Bachelor of Science in Psychology program, you may use credit for prior learning to fulfill PS501 Foundations of Professional Psychology.

3. You must declare your choice of thesis or Master's Capstone in Psychology by the end of the second term.

Master's Capstone in Psychology Track

You must successfully complete PS598 Master's Capstone in Psychology, a written course covering the core curriculum and concentration courses.

This capstone course provides you with the opportunity to demonstrate and apply the skills and knowledge accumulated throughout your program. You will develop a research proposal related to current topics and challenges in the field of psychology, thus demonstrating mastery of program outcomes. Your proposal will include a literature review, a testable hypothesis, and an empirical method for testing the hypothesis.

Thesis Track

You will be required to develop and submit, in writing, a formal proposal for research in psychology to your chosen thesis committee, which is made up of a chairperson and two additional members, all of whom must be terminally degreed psychology faculty members from Purdue Global. It is acceptable to have one terminally degreed faculty member from outside the University's psychology program or from an outside, accredited institution of higher learning with the approval of the Chair of the Master of Science in Psychology program.

Subsequent to the proposal, you will submit the final draft of your research project to the thesis committee for review and orally present your results during a scheduled thesis defense hearing. The research report shall be prepared according to the University's guidelines and the

final, approved product shall be submitted to appropriate personnel for binding and acquisition.

You will take PS601 Master's Research and Thesis I and PS602 Master's Research and Thesis II, 10-week courses designed to allow you to begin the first steps of your thesis design and complete your thesis. Should you feel you are unable to complete the prescribed requirements for either course in 10 weeks, you must contact your Student Advisor in order to gain an extension in the course. An extension is granted by enrolling in PS601A Master's Research and Thesis I or PS602A Master's Research and Thesis II, and enrollment in these courses will only be granted at the discretion of the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Chair of your thesis committee.

If an extension is granted, the University will not charge tuition for PS601A Master's Research and Thesis I or PS602A Master's Research and Thesis II, but you will be required to pay the normal resource fee.

If you are unable to complete PS601 Master's Research and Thesis I or PS602 Master's Research and Thesis II, you will be permitted to enter the comprehensive exam track.

Practicum or Field Placement Requirements

If you are enrolling in a program that requires completion of a practicum or field placement, you are responsible for locating a site in which to complete those hours. Three months prior to the beginning of the term in which you wish to enroll in practicum/field placement courses, you must submit the appropriate application form to the Behavioral and Social Sciences Clinical Placement Team. Applications that are not complete will not be accepted. You must complete all prepracticum or prefield placement requirements, including orientation, and have permission of the Clinical Placement Team in order to enroll in a course that includes completion of practicum or field placement hours. A list of requirements is available from the Clinical Placement Team.

You should be aware that health care organizations may have specific requirements regarding vaccination against communicable diseases including COVID and Influenza. Failure to comply with requirements could interfere with the opportunity to complete a required practicum, fieldwork, or internship experience, may delay graduation or lead to an inability to complete your program, and could impact future employment opportunities.

Addictions Concentration

If you are enrolled in the addictions concentration, you will take PS535 Addictions Practicum I and PS536 Addictions Practicum II.

- If you feel that you may not be able to complete the PS535 Addictions Practicum I prescribed requirements in 10 weeks, you must contact the Clinical Placement Team in order to receive an extension in the course. If an extension is granted, you will enroll in PS535A Addictions Practicum I Extension and/or PS535B Addictions Practicum I Extension which will allow you up to 20 extra weeks to complete the requirements of PS535 Addictions Practicum I. Enrollment in these courses will only be granted at the discretion of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- If you feel that you may not be able to complete the PS536 Addictions Practicum II prescribed requirements in 10 weeks, you must contact the Clinical Placement Team in order to gain an extension in the course. If an extension is granted, you will enroll in PS536A Addictions Practicum II Extension and/or PS536B Addictions Practicum II Extension which will allow you up to 20 extra weeks to complete the requirements of PS536 Addictions Practicum II.

Enrollment in these courses will only be granted at the discretion of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Note: Indiana students are required to obtain 700 hours of university-sponsored practicum to seek state licensure as an addiction counselor.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology Concentration

If you feel that you may not be able to complete the PS545 Industrial/Organizational Field Placement prescribed requirements in 10 weeks, you must contact the Clinical Placement Team in order to gain an extension in the course. If an extension is granted, you will enroll in PS559 Practicum Field Placement Extension, which will allow you 10 extra weeks to complete the requirements of PS545 Industrial/Organizational Field Placement. Enrollment in this course will only be granted at the discretion of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

Optional certifications may be available, such as the Master Addiction Counselor (MAC) Credential. You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

The Master of Science in Psychology is not focused on the clinical practice of psychology and does not lead to licensure or certification as a psychologist, mental health counselor, or therapist.

Addictions Concentration

The Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in addictions is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC). The NASAC can be contacted at:

44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 301
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel: 703-562-0211
Website: <http://nasacaccreditation.org>


The NAADAC (Association for Addiction Professionals) has designated Purdue Global as an Approved Education Provider for meeting nationally approved standards for the addiction counseling profession. Students who complete the Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in addictions program will meet the coursework requirements to take NAADAC's Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) certification examination.

Note that additional requirements must also be completed to take the MAC examination, including degree, field experience, and licensure requirements. Refer to <http://www.naadac.org/mac> (<http://www.naadac.org/mac/>) for full eligibility requirements.

The NAADAC can be contacted at:

44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 301
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel: 703-741-7686
Website: <http://naadac.org>

Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Thesis Track Requirements

Concentration courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are required to select a concentration.

Additions

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS508 | Ethics for Addictions Professionals | 5 |
| PS601 | Master's Research and Thesis I | 5 |
| PS602 | Master's Research and Thesis II | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 40 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 35 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 35 |
| Concentration Requirements: Addictions | | |
| PS511 | Chemical and Psychological Dependency Counseling | |
| PS516 | Psychopharmacology | |
| PS521 | Group Counseling | |
| PS526 | Advanced Addictions Counseling | |
| PS531 | Co-Occurring Disorders and Treatments | |
| PS535 | Addictions Practicum I | |
| PS536 | Addictions Practicum II | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 75 |

Forensic Psychology

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |

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| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS601 | Master's Research and Thesis I | 5 |
| PS602 | Master's Research and Thesis II | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 40 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 25 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 25 |
| Concentration Requirements: Forensic Psychology | | |
| PS525 | Foundations of Psychopathology | |
| PS550 | Principles of Forensic Psychology | |
| PS551 | Forensic Psychology and the Law | |
| PS552 | Theories of Criminal Behavior | |
| PS553 | Advanced Principles of Forensic Psychology | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 65 |

General Psychology

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|-----------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS601 | Master's Research and Thesis I | 5 |
| PS602 | Master's Research and Thesis II | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 40 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 25 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 25 |
| Concentration Requirements: General Psychology | | |
| PS510 | Qualitative Analysis | |
| PS515 | Learning and Behavior | |
| PS520 | Neuropsychology | |
| PS525 | Foundations of Psychopathology | |
| PS530 | Cognitive Psychology | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 65 |

Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Nonpracticum

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------------------------|---|---------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |

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| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS601 | Master's Research and Thesis I | 5 |
| PS602 | Master's Research and Thesis II | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 40 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 25 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 25 |
| Concentration Requirements: Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Nonpracticum | | |
| PS540 | Industrial/Organizational Theory and Development | |
| PS541 | Organizational Management and Behavior | |
| PS542 | Workplace Motivation and Attitudes | |
| PS543 | Organizational Leadership - Management, Training, and Evaluation | |
| PS544 | Human Resources Management | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 65 |

Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Practicum

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|--|-----------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS601 | Master's Research and Thesis I | 5 |
| PS602 | Master's Research and Thesis II | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 40 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 30 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 30 |
| Concentration Requirements: Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Practicum | | |
| PS540 | Industrial/Organizational Theory and Development | |
| PS541 | Organizational Management and Behavior | |
| PS542 | Workplace Motivation and Attitudes | |
| PS543 | Organizational Leadership - Management, Training, and Evaluation | |
| PS544 | Human Resources Management | |
| PS545 | Industrial/Organizational Field Placement | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 70 |

Master's Capstone in Psychology Track Requirements

Concentration courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are required to select a concentration.

Addictions

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS508 | Ethics for Addictions Professionals | 5 |
| PS598 | Master's Capstone in Psychology | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 35 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 35 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 35 |
| Concentration Requirements: Addictions | | |
| PS511 | Chemical and Psychological Dependency Counseling | |
| PS516 | Psychopharmacology | |
| PS521 | Group Counseling | |
| PS526 | Advanced Addictions Counseling | |
| PS531 | Co-Occurring Disorders and Treatments | |
| PS535 | Addictions Practicum I | |
| PS536 | Addictions Practicum II | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 70 |

Forensic Psychology

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|-----------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS598 | Master's Capstone in Psychology | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 35 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 25 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 25 |
| Concentration Requirements: Forensic Psychology | | |
| PS525 | Foundations of Psychopathology | |
| PS550 | Principles of Forensic Psychology | |
| PS551 | Forensic Psychology and the Law | |
| PS552 | Theories of Criminal Behavior | |
| PS553 | Advanced Principles of Forensic Psychology | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 60 |

General Psychology

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|-----------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS598 | Master's Capstone in Psychology | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 35 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 25 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 25 |
| Concentration Requirements: General Psychology | | |
| PS510 | Qualitative Analysis | |
| PS515 | Learning and Behavior | |
| PS520 | Neuropsychology | |
| PS525 | Foundations of Psychopathology | |
| PS530 | Cognitive Psychology | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 60 |

Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Nonpracticum

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|--|-----------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS598 | Master's Capstone in Psychology | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 35 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 25 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 25 |
| Concentration Requirements: Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Nonpracticum | | |
| PS540 | Industrial/Organizational Theory and Development | |
| PS541 | Organizational Management and Behavior | |
| PS542 | Workplace Motivation and Attitudes | |
| PS543 | Organizational Leadership - Management, Training, and Evaluation | |
| PS544 | Human Resources Management | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 60 |

Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Practicum

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|--|-----------|
| Core Requirements | | |
| PS501 | Foundations of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| MM570 | Applied Statistics for Psychology | 5 |
| PS502 | Ethics and Standards of Professional Psychology | 5 |
| PS504 | Advanced Research Methods | 5 |
| PS505 | Testing, Measurement, and Assessment | 5 |
| PS506 | Life Span Development | 5 |
| PS598 | Master's Capstone in Psychology | 5 |
| Total Core Requirements | | 35 |
| Open Elective Requirements | | |
| Concentration Courses | | 30 |
| Total Open Elective Requirements | | 30 |
| Concentration Requirements: Industrial/Organizational Psychology - Practicum | | |
| PS540 | Industrial/Organizational Theory and Development | |
| PS541 | Organizational Management and Behavior | |
| PS542 | Workplace Motivation and Attitudes | |
| PS543 | Organizational Leadership - Management, Training, and Evaluation | |
| PS544 | Human Resources Management | |
| PS545 | Industrial/Organizational Field Placement | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 65 |