

Department of Psychology
Attn: Graduate Secretary
1227 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403-1227

INDIVIDUALIZED MASTER ' S PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

Application Deadline: May 15, 2010 for Fall 2010 Admission.

The University of Oregon Individualized Master's Program in Psychology is designed to provide advanced training for a small number of individuals who have a clearly focused research interest and an academic plan. Unlike other master's programs, this program is not designed for general master ' s level training in psychology. Nor can we provide clinical training (practica and skills development) at the master ' s level. Rather, we expect persons entering the master ' s program to be highly self-motivated, with the goal of acquiring conceptual and research skills appropriate to their own work plans. Each program of master ' s study will be tailored to the individual student ' s goals within the discipline, so long as it satisfies core master ' s degree requirements.

INDIVIDUALIZED MASTER ' S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

45 credit hours in courses approved for graduate credit
24 of these 45 credits must be UO graded graduate credits
30 of these 45 credits must be Psychology graduate credits
9 of these 45 credits must be in 600-level courses
2 approved graduate-level statistics courses (grade of B- or better)
Maintain a UO Cumulative Graduate-Level GPA of 3.0 or higher

Program of Study: All Individualized Master's Program students and their advising committee will provide an outline of each student's program of study. These study plans are due in the graduate secretary's office not later than the fourth week of the student's first term.

Statistics Requirement: Together with their committee each student should identify, either in the Department of Psychology or in a different department, which statistics courses would best meet the student ' s needs and level of preparation in order to meet this requirement.

Research Project vs. Formal Thesis: Students will be expected to complete a research project based either on literature analysis or an empirical research study. If the student submits a Master's Thesis to the Graduate School, 9 of the 45 graduate credits must be in Psy 503. Note that the Department of Psychology does not require the research project be submitted to the Graduate School.

Time Limit: The Department expects that most students will complete the MA or MS in 1-2 years.

Distinction Between the Master of Arts and Master of Science Degree: Students pursuing an MA degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language or have had two years in a foreign language, usually two years of undergraduate work in a foreign language with a grade of C or better. (For Foreign students using English as a second language, English may be used as the foreign language.)

Student ' s Committee: The student ' s committee must consist of two departmental faculty members: (1) The Major Advisor and (2) an additional faculty member to be added no later than the fourth week of the student's first term. The committee members must sign the Statement of Completion for the Master ' s Degree.

Applying for the Degree: The degree is NOT granted automatically. An application for degree must be filed with the Graduate School by the end of the second week of the term in which you plan to graduate.

Concurrent Master's or Second Master's Degree: Students earning the first master ' s degree from the University of Oregon may receive a second master ' s degree in another field by taking at least 30 graduate credits, of which 24 must be in graded courses, after official admission as a master ' s degree candidate in the new major at the University. A concurrent Master ' s Degree form is available in the Graduate School.

The admissions procedure has two steps:

1. The prospective student discusses his/her plans and goals with a UO Psychology faculty member who agrees to serve as the major advisor if the student is admitted to the program. The signed Major Advisor Form is submitted as part of the application.
2. The prospective student completes the application form and submits official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, three letters of recommendation, and the Major Advisor Form to the Graduate Secretary. While not required, it would also be helpful to have GRE scores.

Instructions/Checklist
for
Applying to the Psychology
Individualized Master's Program

- Fill out the Departmental Application Form below.
- You will need at least three letters of recommendation. Letters must be in sealed envelopes from the letter writer. You can collect the letters and send with your application or they can be sent directly to our office by the writer.
- You will need to secure a Major Advisor Form (see form for instructions) or your application will not be complete.
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended are required. Official transcripts must be in sealed envelopes from the university/college. You can collect the transcripts and mail them with your application or have the university/college send them directly to our office.

Please mail all of the following to Department of Psychology, Attn: Graduate Secretary, 1227 University of Oregon, Eugene OR 97403-1227 by the **application deadline of May 15, 2010**:

- Departmental Application.
- Three Letters of Recommendation (in sealed envelopes from the letter writers).
- Completed Major Advisor Form.
- A Writing Sample (class paper, article, or thesis).
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Official GRE scores are a welcome addition to your application but are not required.

Please mail the following to Office of Admissions, 1217 University of Oregon, Eugene OR 97403-1217.

- University of Oregon Graduate Application (unless you submitted this application online).
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Graduate Secretary at (541) 346-5060 or via e-mail at gradsec@psych.uoregon.edu.

**APPLICATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALIZED MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM
FALL 2010**

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Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Present Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____

Fax _____ Email address _____

Educational History Since High School (include expected degrees)

| School | Dates | Degrees | Major/Minor |
|--------|-------|---------|-------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Job History Since High School (include military service but exclude short-term, part-time jobs).

1. Employer _____ Dates _____

Description of Duties and Responsibilities _____

2. Employer _____ Dates _____

Description of Duties and Responsibilities _____

Awards and Honors _____

Overall Undergraduate GPA _____ Psychology coursework GPA _____ Junior and Senior GPA _____

Graduate GPA _____ To compute your Grade Point Average (GPA), give an A a score of 4, a B a score of 3, a C a score of 2, and a D a score of 1. Ignore pluses and minuses.

Please obtain 3 letters of reference from faculty members or others who can evaluate your potential for graduate study. Each letter of reference should be in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by the person writing the letter. Enclose them with this application.

Names of References:

1. Name _____ Position/Title _____
Address _____
2. Name _____ Position/Title _____
Address _____
3. Name _____ Position/Title _____
Address _____

Please include the following with your application:

1. A work sample (a project or class paper that you feel represents good work that is relevant to the program).
2. Official Transcripts, Letters of Reference and Major Advisor Form.
3. Copy of the University of Oregon Graduate Application (unless you submitted the UO Grad Application online).

Submit these materials by May 15, 2010 to:

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Please mail the following to the University's Admissions Office:

1. Official Transcripts.

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Signature _____ Date _____

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INDIVIDUALIZED MASTERS PROGRAM – MAJOR ADVISOR FORM

I have been in communication with _____. Based on our conversation I see a reasonable match between our research interests and I am open to taking on a new masters student in the fall. If the full application meets the approval of the Graduate Admissions Committee I will also review the application as a potential major advisor for this student for the Individualized Masters Program.

(Faculty Signature)

(Date)

Note to applicant: This form must be included with your application materials by the deadline of May 15, 2010, or your file will be considered incomplete. In order to complete this form, you will need to contact various faculty members within our Department of Psychology who share your area of interest. You can access the most up-to-date listing of faculty research and interests from our website at <http://psychweb.uoregon.edu>. As not all applicants can meet with potential advisors in person, we suggest email or phone contact to begin the process.

**Report on Candidate for Admission to Individualized Master's Program
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I do ___ do not ___ waive my right to review this report in accordance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-380).

Name of Applicant _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Your name has been given as a reference by _____ who is applying for admission to the Individualized Masters Degree Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Oregon. This program focuses primarily on academic training. Persons entering this program should have the conceptual skills to handle graduate-level coursework. Please rate the applicant on the dimensions listed below.

From what you know of this applicant, and from a comparison with other students you have known, how would you rate the applicant on the following dimensions?

Please circle reference group: Seniors Masters students Doctoral students

| | Upper 1% | Upper 5% | Upper 10% | Upper 25% | Upper 50% |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Conceptual Ability | | | | | |
| Energy & Motivation | | | | | |
| Interpersonal Skills | | | | | |
| Overall Qualifications | | | | | |

Please add a narrative description evaluating this candidate or, if you prefer, attach a letter of recommendation:

Capacity in which known _____ Months Known _____

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Position or Title _____ Date _____

Institution & Address _____

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