

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY



Through advanced coursework, thesis credits, research colloquia and individualized mentoring from faculty, this program is designed to train graduate students to conduct psychological research in the following areas: cognitive psychology, social psychology, learning, health psychology and physiological psychology.



DEGREES OFFERED

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

The goal of our two-year graduate program is to train students to conduct psychological research. We use an individualized mentorship approach to graduate training. Students and their advisors work together to devise a program of coursework and research best suited for the student's career goals. The opportunity to conduct research with a faculty member is a unique component

of our graduate program as it provides training for the pursuit of a doctoral degree or a position in a research-related setting.

The Department of Psychology at MSU does not have graduate faculty who specialize in clinical, counseling, community or school psychology. Moreover, we are not a practitioner-oriented or MBA-type program. Instead, we consider ourselves to be an excellent Master's program for students who want to continue on to a doctoral program in psychology and conduct research.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department Address:

304 Traphagen Hall
P.O. Box 173440
Bozeman, MT 59717-3440

Phone: 406-994-3801
Fax: 406-994-3804

Email: psydept@montana.edu

Web: www.montana.edu/wwwpy/

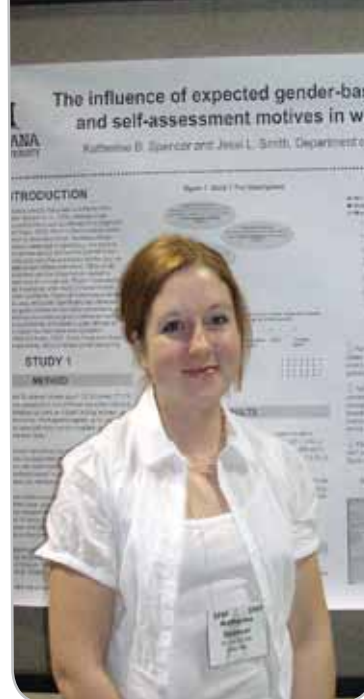


ADMISSION

The Division of Graduate Education (DGE) application can be completed online at <http://www.montana.edu/gradstudies>. You must also submit information listed on the Department of Psychology's supplemental application form. Please note that there is an essay requirement on this form.

Applicants must include a 1-2 page letter of intent/personal statement that summarizes your academic background in psychology or related field, career plans, research experience, research interests, and why you are applying to Montana State University's M.S. program in Psychological Science.

Please be aware that the Department of Psychology requires that applicants submit Graduate Record Exam scores (general test, which yields a verbal and quantitative score). The GRE Psychology Subject Test is not required, but recommended. Please arrange to have scores sent directly to the Department of Psychology. All successful candidates must demonstrate knowledge of the fundamentals of psychology, as well as undergraduate-level training in statistics and research methods. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is February 1.



For detailed DGE admission requirements, review the Admission Policies and Application Requirements sections of the DGE website. Successful applicants must have their applications accepted by the DGE (with departmental endorsement) before an individual is considered a graduate student at MSU. Three letters of recommendation are also required.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Science program requires a minimum of 31 credit hours of graduate level coursework. The required coursework is designed to provide students with a general overview of specific content areas, as well as with research methods and statistics in psychology.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Teaching Assistantships or Research Assistantships, which are awarded on a competitive basis, are usually available to formally admitted graduate students during their two years of study. See the Graduate Assistantships sections of the DGE website for detailed information on appointment criteria.

FACULTY

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Keith Hutchison

PROFESSORS

Michael Babcock - Physiological psychology, including cerebral ischemia, neurobiology of learning and memory

Richard Block - Cognitive psychology, including memory and attention, temporal information processing, meta-analysis

Wesley Lynch - Eating disorders, including motivation, learning, behavior modification, physiological psychology

Ruth Striegel-Moore - Etiology and treatment of eating disorders, gender and psychopathology

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Keith Hutchison - Cognitive psychology, including attention, implicit and explicit memory, cognitive aging, psycholinguistics, cognitive neuropsychology

Jessi Smith-Klaphake - Social psychology, including self-regulation of motivation, gender studies, interpersonal and achievement goals, stereotype threat

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Ian Handley - Social psychology, including social cognition, attitudes and persuasion, affect and decision-making

Michelle Meade - Cognitive psychology, including memory, cognitive aging, collaborative memory, individual difference in performance

