Accelerated Master’s Pathway (AMP) Program in Experimental Psychology

Instructions to Apply

1. Meet with your undergraduate academic advisor and the AMP coordinator, Dr. Wei-Ju Chen (chen_w@utpb.edu), to determine eligibility (see the program requirements below).
2. Working with the AMP coordinator, complete an application and submit a letter of intent to the Office of Graduate Studies. The letter of intent should describe your interest in the program, your career goals, and preferred faculty mentor. Faculty research interests can be found on the UTPB website.
3. Applications received by October 22nd, March 15th, and July 1st will be considered for the following semester.

Program Requirements

1. Student has met with their academic advisor and the AMP coordinator, Dr. Wei-Ju Chen, to determine eligibility.
2. Letter of intent is on file with the Office of Graduate Studies and the AMP coordinator.
3. Ninety undergraduate semester credit hours (SCH) are complete, including 15 hours in psychology, before applying.
4. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and average GPA of 3.25 in all psychology courses.

Acknowledge

1. Students will be dismissed for failure to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or for interruption of courses for more than two semesters.
2. Students may apply for a graduate assistantship prior to March in their senior year for the year that they are graduate students.
3. Students must pay graduate tuition for graduate courses. Further, as AMP students are undergraduate students, they will not be eligible for financial aid for coursework taken at the graduate level. Prior to enrolling in this program, students should work with the Office of Student Financial Aid and the Office of Graduate Studies to ensure they are aware of the financial responsibilities and/or to determine alternatives.

Degree Plan: Suggested Sequence of Courses

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Note. PSYC 4394, Senior Honors Thesis, is an optional course. However, it is highly recommended for those pursuing the Experimental Psychology AMP. Recommended courses such as 4311, 3311, 4351, 3344, 4304, and 4307, are also included above.

Experimental Psychology AMP students must take the following graduate core and elective classes:

- PSYC 6302, Research Methodology
- PSYC 6304, Advanced Statistics: ANOVA
- PSYC 6341, Lifespan Development
- PSYC 6308, Graduate Seminar in Psychology
- PSYC 6375, Psychology and the Law, OR PSYC 6310, Gender and Cultural Studies, OR PSYC 6389, Selected Topics
- PSYC 6309, Advanced Physiological Psychology
- PSYC 6314, Advanced Statistics: Regression
- PSYC 6371, Social and Cultural Psychology
- PSYC 6399, Thesis (6 hours)
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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (42 credits):

- Communication, ENGL 1301 & 1302 (6 sch)
- Language, Philosophy and Culture, ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328; COMM 1301; PHIL 2300 (3 sch)
- American History, HIST 1301 & 1302 (6 sch)
- Government/Political Science, PLSC 2305 & 2306 (6 sch)
- Life/Physical Science, BIOL 1306/1106 or BIOL 1308/1108, or A & P w/lab, and second Life/Physical Science w/lab (8 sch)
- Mathematics, MATH 1314, 1324, 1332, 2412 (3 or 4 sch)
- Creative Arts, ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, 1301 (3 sch)
- Social/Behavioral Science, SOCI 1301, ECON 2301, 2302 (3 sch)
- Component Area Option (Communication), COMM 1115; ENGL 2323 (1 sch, if MATH is 3 sch)

MINOR:

A minimum of 18 credits is required for the minor. At least 12 hours must be at the junior/senior level. Psychology majors cannot minor in Child and Family Studies.

Course Taken (number & title) | GRADE | CREDIT HOURS
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HOURS FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Freshman/Sophomore credits transferred……………………………………

Junior/Senior credits transferred…………………………………………

Total credits transferred…………………………………………………

NOTES ON GRADUATING WITH Bachelor of Arts (B.A.):

1. Read the University of Texas Permian Basin catalog and understand all requirements for the B.A. degree. It is the student’s responsibility to be familiar with and fulfill all the requirements for the B.A. degree.
2. Complete at least 120 semester credit hours for the B.A. degree.
3. At least 48 credits must be at the junior or senior level. At least 30 of these must be completed at the University of Texas Permian Basin.
4. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and average GPA of 3.25 in all psychology courses.
5. As of 2007, students enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education as a freshman are not permitted to drop more than six (6) courses during their entire undergraduate career, including all transfer work taken at a Texas institution. (TX Administrative Code 4.10).
6. Apply to graduate with the Registrar’s Office during the semester in which you will obtain 120 credits.

PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS: (A minimum of 36 credits in Psychology, of which 30 sch must be upper level)

A. REQUIRED CORE, 12-13 credits minimum (4 courses). Take as soon as possible:

- PSYC 1301, Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 3301, Introductory Statistics
- PSYC 3304, Psychological Research Methods (PSYC 3301 prereq)
- PSYC 3104, Psychological Research Project (take with 3304)
- PSYC 4393, Senior Seminar (PSYC 3301 and 3304 prereq)

B. RECOMMENDED COURSES

21 credits (7 courses). Below are recommended courses for AMP students. (PSYC 1301 is a prerequisite for all upper-level PSYC courses)

- PSYC 4311, Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 3311, Social Psychology
- PSYC 4351, Tests and Measurement (PSYC 3301 prereq)
- PSYC 3344, Lifespan Development
- PSYC 4304, Physiological Psychology
- PSYC 4307, Health Psychology
- PSYC 4394, Senior Honors Thesis (must earn a B or better in 3304 to enroll)

C. ELECTIVE PSYCHOLOGY COURSES, Choose one course (3 sch)

- PSYC 4302, History and Systems of Psychology
- PSYC 3322, Theories of Personality
- PSYC 3350, Positive Psychology
- PSYC 3386, Human Sexuality
- PSYC 4305, Drugs and Behavior
- PSYC 4306, Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- PSYC 3303, Principles of Learning
- PSYC 4312, Sensation and Perception

D. Other Electives (10-11 credits from any discipline; to total 120 credits)

E. NOTES ON BEGINNING AMP. Speak with your academic advisor and the AMP coordinator to determine your eligibility.

1. Submit application and a letter of intent to the Office of Graduate Studies.
2. Ninety credit hours must be completed, including 15 hours in psychology.
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required and 3.25 GPA is required in all psychology courses.

F. GRADUATE COURSES, 30 credits minimum

- PSYC 6302, Research Methodology
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