

Accelerated Master's Program (AMP) – Experimental Psychology Concentration

Instructions to Apply

- _____ 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).
- _____ Working with the AMP coordinator, complete an [application](#) and submit a letter of intent to the Office of Graduate Studies (gradstudies@utpb.edu). 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 [faculty research overview](#) page.
- _____ Applications received by October 22nd, March 15th, and July 1st will be considered for the following semester.

Program Requirements

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

Acknowledge

- _____ Students will be dismissed for failure to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or for interruption of courses for more than two semesters.
- _____ Students may apply for a graduate assistantship prior to March in their senior year for the year that they are graduate students.
- _____ 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

FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Junior (Year 3)		
PSYC 3304 & 3104, Psychological Research Methods and Project	PSYC 3311, Social Psychology	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor
PSYC 4311, Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 3344, Lifespan Development	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor
PSYC 4351, Tests and Measurement	PSYC 4307, Health Psychology	
PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor Upper Level	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor Upper Level	
PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor Upper Level	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor Upper Level	
Senior (Year 4)		
PSYC 4393, Senior Seminar	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor Upper Level	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor
PSYC 4304, Physiological Psychology	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor Upper Level	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor
PSYC 4394, Senior Honors Thesis	PSYC 6341, Lifespan Development	
PSYC 6302, Research Methodology	PSYC 6304, Advanced Statistics: ANOVA, or PSYC 6314, Advanced Statistics: Regression	
PSYC 6310, Gender and Cultural Studies, or PSYC 6371, Social and Cultural Psychology	PSYC 6308, Graduate Seminar in Psychology, or PSYC 6309, Advanced Physiological Psychology	
MA (Year 5)		
PSYC 6310, Gender and Cultural Studies, or PSYC 6371, Social and Cultural Psychology	PSYC 6304, Advanced Statistics: ANOVA, or PSYC 6314, Advanced Statistics: Regression	
PSYC Graduate Elective	PSYC 6308, Graduate Seminar in Psychology, or PSYC 6309, Advanced Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 6399, MA Thesis	PSYC 6399, MA Thesis	
Total Undergraduate SCH: 120	Total Graduate SCH: 30	

Note. PSYC 4394, Senior Honors Thesis, is a required course for the BS in Psychology and an elective option for the BA in Psychology. Students should secure a faculty mentor who agrees to supervise their theses no later than the end of Year 3. As PSYC 4393 involves conducting a research study, thesis work should begin as soon as possible and at least one semester prior to the expected BA/BS graduation term. Recommended courses, such as 4311, 3311, 4351, 3344, 4304, and 4307, are included in the above table.

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

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| PSYC 6302, Research Methodology | PSYC 6304, Advanced Statistics: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) |
| PSYC 6371, Social and Cultural Psychology | PSYC 6314, Advanced Statistics: Regression |
| PSYC 6341, Lifespan Development | PSYC 6308, Graduate Seminar in Psychology |
| PSYC 6399, Master's Thesis (6 credit hours spread across 2 semesters) | PSYC 6309, Advanced Physiological Psychology |
| PSYC 6310, Gender and Cultural Studies, OR PSYC 6375, Psychology and the Law, OR PSYC 6389, Selected Topics | |

DEGREE PLAN: BA in Psychology and Accelerated MA in Experimental Psychology

Name: _____

UID: _____

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 1315 (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 37 credits in Psychology, of which 30 sch must be upper level)

A. REQUIRED CORE, 13 credits (5 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 and obtain a faculty mentor's approval 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 (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
_____ PSYC 6304, Advanced Statistics: ANOVA
_____ PSYC 6314, Advanced Statistics: Regression
_____ PSYC 6371, Social and Cultural Psychology
_____ PSYC 6341, Lifespan Development
_____ PSYC 6309, Advanced Physiological Psychology
_____ PSYC 6308, Graduate Seminar in Psychology (take after 6302)
_____ PSYC 6375, Psychology and the Law OR
_____ PSYC 6310, Gender and Cultural Studies OR
_____ PSYC 6389, Selected Topics
_____ PSYC 6399, Thesis (6 credits) (permission of advisor prereq)

G. SEQUENCE OF COURSES. The following is an example sequence:

Senior (4th Year) FALL	SPRING
PSYC 4393	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor
PSYC Pair or PSYC 4394*	PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor
PSYC Pair, Elective, or Minor	PSYC 6341
PSYC 6302	PSYC 6304 or 6314
PSYC 6310 or 6371	PSYC 6309 or 6308
MA (5th Year) FALL	SPRING
PSYC 6310 or 6371	PSYC 6304 or 6314
PSYC Graduate Elective	PSYC 6309 or 6308
PSYC 6399	PSYC 6399

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MINOR: COSC, BIOL, CHEM, MATH, or PHYS (20-22 credits)

Students in the BS in Psychology program must minor in Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, or Physics.

Course Taken (number & title)	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
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PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS: (A minimum of 40 credits in Psychology, of which 30 sch must be upper level)

A. REQUIRED CORE, 16 credits (6 courses). Take as soon as possible:

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B. RECOMMENDED COURSES

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