

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

All official transcripts must be submitted to The Office of Admissions.

Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions **must be received at Office of Admissions and posted by the Document Deadline of February 1st** in order for your application to be reviewed. Please note that official transcripts submitted **must reflect grades earned through the Fall 2024 term and courses "In Progress" for Spring 2025**. Transcripts submitted with courses "In Progress" for Fall 2024 will delay review of the application. **Electronic official transcripts from domestic institutions are encouraged and preferred.**

Please send **official transcripts** to mailing address below or electronically to admissions@csudh.edu

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Classified Standing and Conditionally Classified Standing

Only students who have met all requirements as noted under *Admission Procedures - M.A. Programs* for the Psychology Department will be considered for admission into the M.A. in Psychology Program with Classified Standing.

Students who lack some of the admission requirements *may* be considered for admission into the program with Conditionally Classified Standing. This would allow them to enroll in the University to correct their deficiencies, and also permit them to take up to nine semester units of graduate coursework which could apply toward their degree if and when Classified Standing has been established. Please note that admission to Conditionally Classified Standing does not assure that a student will achieve Classified Standing in the program.

Advancement to Candidacy

A student must be advanced to candidacy before enrolling in PSY 599 Thesis (1-3). The requirements for advancement to candidacy are as follows:

1. Classified Standing in the Psychology M.A.
2. Completion of a minimum of 24 semester units of required courses.
3. Approved Program of Study.
4. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all courses taken as a graduate student.
5. No grade lower than a "C" in the degree program.

Degree Requirements (36 Units)**A. Required Courses (33 units)**

PSY 520	Seminar in Psychopharmacology (3)
PSY 530	Advanced Analysis of Variance and Multivariate Techniques (3)
PSY 535	Advanced Research Methods (3)
PSY 555	Psychology and Aging (3)
PSY 563	Seminar in Psychopathology (3)
PSY 570	Community Psychology (3)
PSY 574	Practicum: Diversity Issues in Clinical and Health Psychology (3)
PSY 575	Theories of Health and Behavior (3)
PSY 576	Seminar in Health Psychology Research (3)
PSY 585	Neuropsychology (3)
PSY 599	Thesis (3)

B. Select one course from the following (3 units)

PSY 550	Seminar in Developmental Psychology (3)
PSY 564	Advanced Psychotherapy Techniques (3)
PSY 565	Psychology of Clinical Groups (3)
PSY 567	Individual Assessment (3)
PSY 595	Selected Topics (3)
PSY 597	Directed Reading (3)
PSY 598	Directed Research (3)

C. Additional program requirements include:

1. Completion of the Graduate Writing Competency requirement within two semesters of admission to the program.
2. Students must write a thesis as the culminating experience for awarding the degree Master of Arts in Psychology (Health Psychology).
3. In addition to the major requirements, students must meet all university requirements for the master's degree indicated in the section of the catalog entitled "Graduate Degrees and Postbaccalaureate Studies."

Pre-Requisites Course Descriptions

PSY 230 Elementary Statistical Analysis in Psychology (3).

The application of descriptive and inferential statistics to the design and analysis of psychological research.

PSY 235 Introduction to Research Methods (3).

Prerequisite: PSY 230 or MAT 131.

Examination of the design, conduct and interpretation of research studies, both experimental and non-experimental, as demonstrated in a wide range of psychological phenomena. Includes a consideration of philosophy of science and preparation of research reports. Two hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory per week.

PSY 330 Intermediate Statistics and Research Design (3).

Prerequisite: PSY 230 or MAT 131.

The applications of statistical techniques to problems in the behavioral sciences. Discussion of problems in hypothesis formulation, sampling techniques, distribution-free statistics, multivariate data analysis, and presentation of results. Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week.

PSY 331 Measurement in Psychology (3).

Prerequisite: PSY 230 or MAT 131.

Fundamentals of psychological measurement. Reliability, validity, item analysis, norms, and test construction and selection. Experience in administering, scoring, and interpreting tests of intelligence, aptitude, and personality. Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week.

PSY 363 Abnormal Psychology (3).

The causes and manifestations of abnormal behavior. Field study and case study.

PSY 370 Health Psychology (3).

Prerequisite: PSY 101.

Survey of the major findings and theories from the field of health psychology. Includes consideration of psychological, social, and cultural effects on health.

Biological Psychology or related courses

Introduction to the study of behavior from a biological point of view. Biological systems and processes underlying behavior, with emphasis on brain mechanisms, presented in the context of fundamental concepts and issues in psychology.

Frequently Asked Questions for M.A. in Psychology Program

1. HOW DO I APPLY?

Prospective applicants can complete an application through the Cal State Apply website located at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate>.

2. WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

Applications are due **February 1st** for entrance into the Fall cohort.

All supporting documents must be submitted and received by this date:

- Personal Statement
- Resume/CV
- Official & unofficial transcripts
- Official & unofficial copy of GRE scores
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- One Writing Sample

3. IS THERE A GPA MINIMUM REQUIREMENT?

Potential applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA or “B” average in the last 60-90 semester units attempted (excluding lower division and extension units). Also, applicants must have at least a “B” average in all lower and upper division pre-requisites.

4. DO I NEED TO TAKE THE GRE? WHAT ARE THE SCORE REQUIREMENTS?

- Students submitting applications to our MA Psychology Graduate Program for the Fall 2024 will not be required to take GRE or submit a score report. Students who would like to submit GRE test scores may do so, and these will be reviewed as part of their application package. However, it should be noted that applications including GRE scores will not be weighted more heavily than applications that did not include a GRE report.
- Students may voluntarily upload an unofficial photocopy of their GRE report for verbal, quantitative and analytical writing portions.
- There are no minimum score cut-offs for the GRE.

5. WHAT ARE THE UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT CODES FOR THE GRE?

The code for CSUDH is 4098. The department code for clinical psychology is 2001.

6. HOW MANY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE REQUIRED?

Master’s degree candidates are required to submit a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation with at least two from academic experts (professors) who can speak to the candidate’s academic preparation for graduate school and/or aptitude for work or research in clinical or health psychology. Additional letters may be included but are not required.

7. DOES THE PSYCHOLOGY OFFICE ACCEPT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION?

No, the Psychology Department does not accept letters of recommendation. All letters must be submitted via the Cal State Apply recommendation portal.

8. WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

The Department of Psychology will notify applicants recommended for acceptance to Admissions Office beginning in April.

9. IF ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM, CAN I ATTEND PART-TIME?

Yes, it is possible to attend part-time.

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11. WHAT ARE THE PRE-REQUISITIES FOR THE [CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY \(MACP\)](#) OPTION?

Successful completion of the following undergraduate course or their equivalent with at least a "B" average.

- PSY 230 Elementary Statistics (3)
- PSY 235 Research Methods (3)
- PSY 330 Behavioral Statistics and Research Design (3)
or PSY 331 Measurement in Psychology (3)
- PSY 360 Theories of Personality (3)
- PSY 363 The Abnormal Personality (3)
- PSY 464 Introduction to Clinical Psychology (3)

12. WHAT ARE THE PRE-REQUISITES FOR THE [HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY \(MAHP\)](#) OPTION?

Successful completion of the following undergraduate course or their equivalent with at least a "B" average.

- PSY 230 Elementary Statistics (3)
- PSY 235 Research Methods (3)
- PSY 330 Behavioral Statistics and Research Design (3)
or PSY 331 Measurement in Psychology (3)
- PSY 363 The Abnormal Personality (3)
- PSY 370 Health Psychology (3) or biological psychology coursework

13. WILL I BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENSING AFTER I COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

The MA in Clinical Psychology has a path to licensure available to students who wish to pursue the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) license. Students may opt to complete the MA (33 units) and not pursue licensure or complete additional specified coursework in the amount of 63 units which will allow them to pursue the LPCC after graduation. This course plan is designed to meet the requirements of California Code, Business Professions Code (BPC) section 4999.33. The structure of the LPCC option is that students would complete the requirements for the MA in psychology (clinical option) **and** an additional 30 units to complete courses required for the LPCC. *Students who are not interested in pursuing licensure would only need to complete the requirements for the MA degree (33 units for clinical).* Pursuit of licensure is optional and not required for the degree. Students must complete all coursework and the supervised clinical practicum requirement (minimum of 280 clinical face-to-face hours) for the LPCC prior to graduation. *Students may not graduate with the MA in Clinical Psychology and then return to complete additional requirements for the LPCC.*

14. WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM?

- For Clinical Psychology: The program is designed to take 2 years to complete. Students must complete 30 units of coursework and 550 supervised clinical hours.
- For Clinical Psychology with LPCC option: The program is designed to take 3 years for full time students.
- For Health Psychology: The program is designed to take 2 to 2 ½ years to complete, pending completion of approved thesis.

15. HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM TUITION AND HOUSING COST?

- Academic Year tuition and other mandatory fees:
<https://www.csudh.edu/ceie-intl/intl-student-info/future-students/sample-fees/>
- Housing Costs: <https://www.csudh.edu/housing/room-rates-and-fees/>