



# THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY (GENERAL)

The M.S. in General Psychology program at WCU is designed for students interested in research and/or teaching, and prepares graduates for training at the doctoral level. Our 36-credit program is limited to a small cohort of students each year. Our accepted students come to the program with specifically defined educational plans, including career advancement, preparation for study in a doctoral program, or exploration of the field for those who may have a limited background in psychology. Students gain an understanding of research design and experience, the different areas of psychology, data analysis, and psychological measurement.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Modern computer labs, experimental labs, and state-of-the-art video rooms for research
- Thesis option
- Faculty experts
- Wide ranging faculty research interests
- Opportunities for research collaboration
- Full and part-time study offered

## OUTCOMES

The M.S. program in General Psychology is designed primarily for those students who seek to improve their knowledge, skills and research experience in psychology in order to strengthen their educational background for application to doctoral programs or professional growth. The General Psychology M.S. program does not provide clinical training. Students interested in a career that includes clinical preparation should consider the Clinical PsyD program.

Graduates of this program are employed in agencies, businesses, hospitals, industries and universities across the country. Others have pursued doctoral work at many fine universities, including:

- Yale
- Penn State
- The New School for Social Research
- Virginia Tech
- University of Pennsylvania
- Temple
- University of Delaware
- Western Michigan University
- Widener University
- Kent State University
- Bowling Green (Ohio)
- Immaculata College
- Bryn Mawr
- C.U.N.Y.
- Louisiana State University
- Washington State University
- Ohio University
- University of Virginia
- Pepperdine University
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Chestnut Hill College



**\$106,420**  
median salary for  
Psychologists in 2022



**8%**  
projected industry growth  
through 2032

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application to the Master of Science in Psychology (General) program consists of the following:

1. Completed application. Application deadline is March 1st ; applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis.
2. Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education
3. Minimum GPA of 3.0 in college coursework and a GPA of 3.25 in Psychology classes
4. Applicants who were not Psychology majors may be required to complete undergraduate Psychology courses as a condition of admission to a program.
5. Three letters of recommendation are required.
6. A personal goals statement is required.

\*GRE scores are waived for application for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Applicants may apply online at [www.wcupa.edu/applynow](http://www.wcupa.edu/applynow).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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