DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Psychology (MS)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Drexel University Master of Science (MS) in Psychology program provides a robust foundation for students aiming to pursue advanced education (e.g., a PhD) in psychology or scientific careers in industry (e.g., pharmaceutical companies, digital health). The program emphasizes rigorous coursework and immersive research experiences, preparing students for further educational opportunities or careers in research and related fields.

Students are trained in a range of research experiences and methodologies that are aligned with their interests in areas such as neuropsychology, health, forensics, child and adolescent, cognitive, human experimental and clinical psychology. The program is built on a mentorship model in which students work one-on-one in the research lab of a faculty member.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES

Drexel University's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences is a tightknit, active community of internationally renowned faculty and impressive student scholars. Graduate and undergraduate students work alongside faculty on cutting-edge research and clinical projects in a range of areas.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Key courses in the program include:

- **DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**
- **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**
- **MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES**
- **DATA SCIENCE FOR PSYCHOLOGY**
- **BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS**
- **COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH METHODS**

UNIQUE MENTORSHIP MODEL

Graduate research is integral to building the intellectual life, growth and reach of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. An important feature of our master's program is that students are not assigned faculty mentors. Rather, prospective students select mentors best suited to their unique program of study and interview with them as part of the application process. Once admitted, they work with the faculty mentor of their choice.

Students receive dedicated mentorship and critical hands-on training as active, contributing members of faculty research labs. These students often present their research at national and international scientific meetings and serve as co-authors on publications with their faculty mentors in distinguished, peer-reviewed journals.

THESIS

Students begin working on a thesis during their first year, developing ideas and examining the existing research literature. Each student's mentor works with them to offer guidance in all areas of thesis development: formulating a question, collecting and analyzing data, and writing the final thesis document. Students take courses in research methods and data analysis to gain the tools and skills they will need to competently conduct their master's thesis which can be submitted for publication consideration.

CAREERS

Many of our graduates enter the workforce with a terminal master's degree and establish themselves in positions as research coordinators at hospitals, universities and pharmaceutical companies. For our remaining students, the master's degree serves as a solid foundation in psychology prior to entry into advanced doctoral programs. These scholars typically go on to pursue careers as clinical psychologists and cognitive neuroscientists in clinical practice, academic medical center, university and industry settings.

RESEARCH AREAS AND LABS

Faculty members in the MS Psychology program are engaged in a wide range of research areas, including labs focusing on:

- **APPLIED COGNITIVE AND BRAIN SCIENCES**
- **FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**
- **HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**
- **NEUROPSYCHOLOGY**
- **PEDIATRIC AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY**
- **WEIGHT, EATING, AND LIFESTYLE SCIENCE**

APPLICATION DEADLINES

We accept new students each Fall. While we review applications on a rolling basis beginning in January, we recommend students submit applications by the following dates:

- **PRIORITY:** March 1
- **REGULAR:** May 1

GRE REQUIREMENT

The General GRE Exam is required as part of the application. This requirement may be waived for select Drexel students and alumni. Please contact the College of Arts and Sciences for details regarding waiver eligibility.

FINANCIAL AID

Information about scholarships and aid is available on our program website. Several different funding options are available which may include merit aid, discounts, and assistantships.

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