

# PSYCHOLOGY, ACCELERATED GRADUATE DEGREE

Undergraduates accepted to an Accelerated Graduate Degree (AGD) program for the general Psychology Masters with or without an Emphasis in School Psychology program can begin taking master's level classes while still in the B.A. or B.S. program in psychology. These graduate credits can be used for both the undergraduate and graduate level coursework and will help facilitate an easy and fast transition into the general Psychology Master's program if a student is accepted. In order to be accepted into the AGD, please see your advisor to see if you qualify for one of these positions. You must have junior standing and a GPA Of 3.3 but communication with your academic advisor prior to application is essential.

AGD applicants who meet these program GPA admission requirements are exempt from submitting GRE scores and letters of recommendation to be considered for formal admission to the general Psychology Master's program. It is important to note that during the last semester of the undergraduate degree program, students in the AGD program must apply for formal admission to the graduate program for the master's program in Psychology either the General or School Psychology emphasis.

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Programs offering an AGD option may allow up to 12 hours of graduate level coursework to also count towards an undergraduate degree.

Graduate coursework/credit will appear only on the graduate transcript, and graduate course grades will be calculated towards the graduate GPA.

## Admission Requirements

### Eligibility Requirements for Accelerated Graduate Degree Program

- Must have completed at least 90 hours toward the bachelor's degree.
- Must have at least a 3.30 overall undergraduate GPA.
- Must have at least a 3.30 GPA in the major.
- Must have completed an introductory statistics course.
- Must have completed an experimental psychology course.
- Must have completed at least nine hours of psychology at the 300-400 level.
- Must meet the admission requirements of the chosen master's degree program.

For admission to the AGD in psychology, students must meet the requirements established by the university. In addition, applicants must have completed an Introductory Statistics course and an

experimental psychology course and at least nine hours of psychology at the 300-400 level. Students admitted to the AGD program are being admitted to the general psychology MA program. Admission to the M.A. program with an emphasis in clinical psychology or school psychology requires a separate application and additional requirements must be met as outlined in the graduate catalog.

AGD Credits: 12 credits that must be approved in the plan of study.

## How to Apply

1. During the junior or senior year, eligible students should meet with their Undergraduate Advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies of their chosen Master's degree program to develop an AGD plan of study. Any changes to the AGD plan of study must be approved by the undergraduate advisor and director of graduate studies in writing to the dean of the college.
2. The student's acceptance into the AGD program is subject to the approval of the plan of study by the dean of the college.
3. Students accepted into the AGD program should apply for admission to the chosen master's degree program for the first semester after the bachelor's degree is awarded. Applications should be submitted during the last semester of the senior year.

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate credit toward their master's degree program.

## Withdrawal from the AGD

A student may withdraw at any time from the AGD by informing the undergraduate advisor, the director of graduate studies and the dean of the college in writing. A student's status will then revert to the standard undergraduate degree program. Any graduate hours earned must be approved for use in fulfillment of bachelor's degree requirements by the student's undergraduate dean.

## From Undergraduate to Graduate Student

Beginning with the semester after the student has earned the bachelor's degree and has been accepted into a master's degree program, the student is enrolled in the graduate program and is assessed tuition and fees at the graduate rate. All rules regarding graduate education will apply to the student once admitted into the master's degree program.