The Graduate School

Master of Arts (MA) Psychology

Degree Program
Students select either the Behavioral Neuroscience (BN) track or the Industrial/Organizational (IO) Psychology track. A minimum of 32 credit hours is required for the BN track. A minimum of 45 semester hours of course work is required for the IO track. All students start with a two-semester sequence in statistics. All programs of study for M.A. students require the approval of a member of the departmental M.A. advisory committee.

Program Website
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artscience/psychology/Prospective%20Students/graduate.html

Application Requirements
1. Application
http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 15 undergraduate hours in psychology before beginning the master's program.
3. Three letters of recommendation
   Letters of recommendation are required from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant’s recent academic work, normally present or former college teachers.
4. Entrance examinations
   a. Acceptable Graduate Record Examination scores for the General test is required (http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html).
   b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Grade Point Average
   Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale overall and 3.2 in psychology courses.
6. Personal Statement
   Please describe very clearly in 300-400 words your intended area of study and also your reasons for wishing to pursue this course of study, including your perception of its potential relationship to your career goals and plans.

Application Deadline
New students may begin only in the Fall Semester. The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is January 15.

Application fee
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

Assistantships and Fellowships
Typically, there are no departmental funds available for master’s students. On occasion there are research assistant positions to work on a grant with a faculty member. Please contact the department.

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