Master of Arts in Social psychology, 30 credits

The MA program in social psychology is designed to give students a strong background for entry into professions such as junior college teaching or program evaluation and personnel work in schools, industry and other organizations or for further graduate study leading to the doctorate. The MA in social psychology can be of great value in support of careers in education, counseling, social work, criminology, anthropology, special education, and personnel work.

Degree requirements:

General Concentration, 30 credits

Social Psychology
Four courses from:
- SOPS 610- Social Psychology (3)
- SOPS 615- Social Cognition (3)
- SOPS 620- Group Dynamics (3)
- SOPS 640- Social Psychology of Attitudes (3)
- SOPS 655- Counsel Apps of Soc Psych (3)
- SOPS 660- Contemporary Social Psychology (3)

Educational Psychology
One course from:
- EDPS 641- Intro Statistical Methods (3)
- EDPS 642- Analysis of Variance (3)

Counseling Psychology
- CPSY 653- Research Counseling Guidance (3)

Directed Electives (12) credits
From ANTH, CPSY, EDPS, PSYS, SOC, SOPS, THES; professionalization of a teaching major; or minors and electives
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (SOPS) Course Descriptions

610 Social Psychology (3) Introduction to theories, findings, and methodology of social psychology.

615 Social Cognition (3) Includes intensive examination of the current literature and theory of social psychology; gives particular attention to theories of social cognition and perception. Prerequisite: SOPS 610.

620 Group Dynamics (3) Research on and theory of behavior in small groups, effects on the individual of membership and participation in small and large groups, interaction of group structure and personality, and the effects of an individual on the group. Parallel: SOPS 610.


655 Counseling Applications of Social Psychology (3) Current social psychological theory and research on such topics as social cognition, person perception, and attitude formation and change. Implications for counseling psychology practice and research. Prerequisite: SOPS 610.

660 Contemporary Social Psychology (3) Selected areas of current interest in social psychology. Deals with contemporary research and publications from both foreign and American sources. Prerequisite: SOPS 610.

670 Independent Study in Social Psychology (1-6) Intensive individual study of selected topics in social psychology. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor and program director. A total of 6 credits may be earned.

690 Seminar in Applied Social Psychology (1) Advanced examination of how social psychology can be applied to problems or questions found in industrial, organizational, and health-care settings. Existing research will be reviewed, and new approaches will be considered. Prerequisite: SOPS 610; PSYS 680 or CPSY 653.

695 Internship in Applied Social Psychology (3) Experience in applied social psychological research in industrial, organizational, or health-care settings. Students will be jointly supervised by university and internship site staff. Normally taken for two consecutive semesters. Prerequisite: permission of the director of the MA program in social psychology.