

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, MS

Behavioral Health is a broad term generally understood to subsume mental health, substance use disorders, and health related behaviors. The 4+1 terminal Master's program in Behavioral Health provides qualified students earning a baccalaureate degree in Psychology or related fields (e.g., Public Health and Neuroscience) from Tulane University with graduate training in this specialty area of psychology.

Requirements

- Graduate courses include health psychology, univariate statistics, research methods, and other approved courses relevant to behavioral health as outlined in the program checklist. Students in the thesis track complete 24 course credits and also produce a Master's thesis comprising an empirical study in psychology. Students in the course-based track complete 30 course credits.

• **Applied Track, Thesis Option**

• **General Curriculum:**

- Pre-requisite for admission to the Applied track: either PSYC 3330 Abnormal Psychology (3 c.h.) or PSYC 3340 Developmental Psychopathology (3 c.h.)
- 24 graduate credits in Psychology (8 graduate courses)
- Empirical Master's thesis (6 credits of PSYC 9980 Masters Research (3 c.h.))
- Prospectus meeting (Held before October 1 for students entering in August and February 15 for students entering in January)
- Successful Master's thesis defense (Held before April 15 for May degree, August 5 for August degree, and December 5 for December degree)

• **Fall Senior Year:**

- Psychology Graduate-Level Elective Course

• **Spring Senior Year:**

- PSYC 7400 Devel Psychopathology (3 c.h.)

• **Fall +1 Year:**

- PSYC 6700 Health Psychology I (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 6090 Univariate I (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 7610 Psychological Assess I (3 c.h.) (Applied-Assessment sequence) OR PSYC 7630 Behav & Cog Behav Int (3 c.h.) (Applied-Intervention sequence)
- PSYC 9980 Masters Research (3 c.h.)

• **Spring +1 Year:**

- PSYC 6710 Health Psychology II (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 6100 Rsch Methods Behav Hlth (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 7620 Psychoed Assess II (3 c.h.) (Applied-Assessment sequence) OR PSYC 7660 Evidence-Based Interventions (3 c.h.) (Applied-Intervention sequence)
- PSYC 9980 Masters Research (3 c.h.)

• **Examples of Psychology Graduate-Level Elective Courses:**

- PSYC 6060 Behavioral Endocrinology (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 6180 History & Systems (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 6330 Neurobiol Learn & Memory (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 6590 Stress & Trauma (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 7000 Social Psychology (3 c.h.)
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- PSYC 7150 Advanced Adolescent Psyc (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 7160 Children of Color (3 c.h.)
- PSYC 7170 Intergroup Relations (3 c.h.)

• **Other Requirements:**

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- Application for degree and submission of degree fees to the School of Science and Engineering is required.
- Submission of thesis to the School of Science & Engineering.

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