



Important Considerations Before Applying to the Sacramento State Psychology Graduate Program

- The Psychology Graduate Program is primarily a day program intended for full-time enrollment. Courses and experiential work are often held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Some programs require internship participation, while others require research work outside of the classroom.
- The Psychology Graduate Program does not lead to licensure as a clinical psychologist, MFT or counselor. Individuals with these career goals should contact the Sacramento State College of Education or the Department of Social Work in the College of Health and Human Services.
- **General and I-O Applicants**
 - General and I-O applicants without a B.A. or B.S. in Psychology should not apply to the program if they do not have a solid foundation in Psychology.
 - At a 4-year college, all General and I-O applicants must have completed two (2) upper division statistics/methods courses with a grade of C or better prior to applying to the program. This requirement is met with PSYC 121 and PSYC 102 at Sacramento State, or their equivalents at other universities. Course equivalents must have included research methods in which students have analyzed a dataset and written an APA-style paper. They must also have included descriptive and complex inferential statistics, such as factorial ANOVAs, mixed model ANOVAs, ANCOVAs, MANOVAS, planned and unplanned comparisons, factorial analysis, and multiple regression. Courses without these elements will not be approved. In addition, applicants must have completed the following lower division courses (which may be taken at a community college or 4-year university):
 - Introductory Psychology (Sac State: PSYC 2)
 - Methods of Psychology (Sac State: PSYC 8)
 - Statistics for Psychology (Sac State: PSYC 9).
- **ABA Applicants**
 - ABA applicants without a B.A. or B.S. in Psychology, Child Development, Speech Pathology, or Education should not apply to the program if they do not have a solid foundation in these fields.
 - All ABA applicants must have completed a lower division undergraduate psychology course in research methods and an upper division undergraduate course in ABA with at least “C” grades in those courses. The lower division research requirement is met by PSYC 8 at Sacramento State, and the upper division ABA requirement is met by PSYC 171 at Sacramento State. Student may also take equivalents at other colleges or universities.

Questions regarding the program or application process should be sent to [Saba Kbrom](#).