

Master of Arts in Educational Psychology

<http://www.bsu.edu/edpsych>

An MA in Educational Psychology provides an important step for a profession in education. Practicing school personnel may complete the degree as they pursue professional continuing education credits and/or the High Ability licensure. Graduate students may obtain the degree as they seek certification for teaching. Students that graduate from the program may pursue doctoral degrees in education or psychology. Information about our doctoral degree in Educational Psychology may be found at

<http://www.bsu.edu/edpsy>.

The general degree is a 30 hour program that includes 12 hours of required courses and 18 hours of electives. Currently there are three recommended specializations: Gifted & Talented Education, Human Development, and Statistical & Research Methods. Students may also design a program of study that meets their individual needs for the required 30 hours. Currently all core courses, all courses for the specialization in Gifted & Talented Education, and many of the courses for the Human Development and Research and Statistics are offered online. Online course listings from the School of Extended Education are posted at

<http://www.bsu.edu/distance/ed>.

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Financial Aid

There are opportunities for aid in the form of fellowships and loans available from the BSU Financial Aid Office (765) 285-5600 or <http://www.bsu.edu/finaid>

Educational Psychology

The course requirements for the MA in Educational Psychology provide a foundation in the major areas of Educational Psychology: Learning, Human Development, and Research Methodology. The 18 hours of electives allow students to study related areas of Educational Psychology in more depth or to pursue a concentration or certificate in other subject areas. This approach gives students flexibility in designing a program that meets their needs and interests.

MA in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Gifted & Talented Education

provides classroom teachers and other school professionals with the training necessary to meet the cognitive and affective needs of high ability children. This program takes a multi-perspective view of talent development with a focus on the practical application of theory and current practice in the field. Courses in this specialty overlap with those courses required for a High Ability Licensure. For more information about the High Ability Licensure, please contact kspeirsneum@bsu.edu.

MA in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Human Development

provides teachers, childcare personnel, school administrators, and others interested in developmental issues the opportunity for advanced study in developmental psychology. The courses provide a balance of theory, research, and practical application in physical, psychological, cognitive, and social-emotional development from a lifespan perspective.

MA in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Statistical & Research Methods

provides knowledge and training related to research methods and data analysis. This degree was designed for persons interested in education, assessment and statistics. A person with an MA degree with a specialization in Statistical & Research Methods often works in school districts, corporations, or organizations on research projects and data analysis.

Admission Procedures and Requirements

Admission to the MA in Educational Psychology is based admission to the Graduate School (undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 from a regionally accredited institution) and satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination General Test (GRE). Admission to the Graduate School does not guarantee admission into the Educational Psychology program. Coursework may begin before admission but students may only take 9 credit hours.

Deadlines: March 1, July 1 and November 1 of each year. You are encouraged to submit your application several weeks in advance to allow time for processing.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the online Application for Graduate Admission
<http://www.bsu.edu/gradschool/forms>.
2. Request official transcripts from each college previously attended to be sent to the Graduate School.
3. Request official GRE scores to be sent to the Graduate School. GRE scores are required for all applicants.

Questions about the graduate admission process may be directed to the Graduate School at 1-866-385-4723 or gradschool@bsu.edu.

4. Send two letters of reference to the Admissions Coordinator in the Department of Educational Psychology.
5. Email or mail a letter of intent to the Admission Coordinator outlining your contact information and how a degree in Educational Psychology relates to your career goals. This letter is essential.

International Students

Application materials must be sent to the Office of International Admissions. International students should submit materials at least two months in advance to allow time for processing.

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**The degree requires a minimum of 30 credits
divided into two categories:
Core Educational Psychology (12 credits)
Specialization Area (18 credits)**

Core Educational Psychology (12 credits; * online courses)

Learning (choose 3 credits)

*EDPSY 600: Advanced Educational Psychology

*EDPSY 606: Human Learning and Achievement Motivation

Human Development (choose 3 credits)

*EDPSY 603: Psychology of Human Development

*EDPSY 627: Child Development

*EDPSY 628: Adolescent Development

*EDPSY 629: Adult Development

Research Methodology (3 credits)

*EDPSY 640: Methodology of Educational & Psychological Research

*EDPSY 643: Research Design

Tests and Measurement (3 credits)

*EDPSY 646: Tests and Measurement

Specialization Areas (18 Credits)

Gifted and Talented Education

Core Gifted Education (9 credits)

*EDPSY 520: Introduction to the G/T Child

*EDPSY 621: Identification & Evaluation of G/T Children

*EDPSY 625: Models and Strategies for Gifted Learners

Special Interest in the Field (choose 9 credits)

*EDPSY 611: Development of Creative Thinking

*EDPSY 623: Investigating the Social & Emotional Needs of Gifted Students

EDEL 657: Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of Programs for Gifted/Talented Students

Human Development

Core Human Development (9 credits in addition to core development course)

*EDPSY 603: Psychology of Human Development

*EDPSY 627: Child Development

*EDPSY 628: Adolescent Development

*EDPSY 629: Adult Development

Special Interest in the Field (choose 9 credits)

EDPSY 530: Mental Health

EDPSY 652: Introduction to

Neuropsychology

EDPSY 768: Theories of Cognitive Development

EDEL 630: Parent & Community Relations

PEP 612: Motor Development

PSYSC 524: Psychology of Women

PSYSC 613: Developmental Psychology

PSYSC 616: Perception and Cognition

SPAA 570: Language Development

*SPCED 600: Education of Exceptional Children

Statistical & Research Methods

Core Statistical & Research Methods (9 credits)

*EDPSY 642: Intermediate Statistics

*EDPSY 643: Research Design

EDPSY 740: Computer Analysis of Educational & Psychological Data

Special Interest in the Field (choose 9 credits)

EDPSY 741: Applied Regression Analysis for the Social Sciences

EDPSY 742: Multivariate Statistical Techniques

EDPSY 743: Introduction to Factor Analysis

EDPSY 744: Seminar in Research Methodology

EDPSY 746: Theory of Measurement

EDCUR 650: Introduction to Qualitative Research

EDCUR 660: Ethnographic Research in Education