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We are changing admission requirements for the MS in the Psychology Program. We are requiring candidates to provide a writing sample, along with their required application materials. This is done to ensure that the candidates' academic writing skills are better assessed at the start of the Program, so that we can have a better understanding of their writing and thesis completion potential. This change is dictated by last year's AIER report and its recommendations, and it will allow the faculty to undertake necessary remedial steps with regard to student academic writing skills.

Below we provide the new admissions criteria for the MS in the Psychology Program. At the present time, there is no information about the Program admission requirements in the catalog nor at the website below. We are requesting that the information below be included at the following sites:

<http://www.tamui.edu/gradschool/>

and

<http://www.tamui.edu/catalog/current/gradcoas.shtml>

MS IN PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All application materials for the Master of Science in Psychology are due by the date prescribed by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research to be considered for admission. Students may apply and begin the graduate program in the Fall or in the Spring.

The following are the admissions criteria for the MS in the Psychology Program:

- 1) Submit an application for graduate studies by the due date provided by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. Deadlines may be found at: <http://www.tamui.edu/gradschool/>
- 2) Pay the application fee.
- 3) Submit an official transcript from the last institution attended and an official transcript from the institution where the highest degree was earned. In some cases it may be the same institution.
- 4) Submit two letters of recommendation from academic or professional sources to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.
- 5) Include a statement of purpose with a minimum of 300 words describing your academic and career goals and objectives.
- 6) Include a sample of your academic writing skills (it may be an undergraduate research paper, a book chapter, or a journal article).

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