How Do I Apply?

- Complete and submit the University application to the Office of Admissions and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Registrar’s Office.

- Complete and submit the College of Arts and Sciences application (including student narrative) to the Director of Graduate Studies.

- All applications can be downloaded from http://www.tamiu.edu/coas/gradstudies.

- Submit official undergraduate transcripts to the Director of Graduate Studies.

- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.

- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.

- Spring application deadline is Nov. 30; Fall application deadline is April 30.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please contact:

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About the Program

The Masters of Science in Psychology program prepares students to apply the science of psychology to a wide variety of professional settings. The program combines a core curriculum grounded in psychological research with three areas of concentration (tracks). Each of these tracks allows students to apply their knowledge of psychological research, principles, and theories to their field of interest.

Students enrolled in the MS in Psychology program may choose to concentrate on research methods and evaluation, educational psychology, or general psychology. Graduates of the research methods and evaluation track will be able to design, conduct, and report quantitative and qualitative research. Special attention is paid to the practical application of research skills to program evaluation.

Already certified teachers who graduate from the educational psychology track will understand what the best practices in teaching, learning, behavior management, and assessment are and the psychological underpinnings of these best practices. Students graduating from the general psychology track will have a broad understanding of fundamental areas of psychological inquiry, which may be applied to a variety of professional settings.

Why Should you Come Here?

The MS in Psychology program at TAMIU is uniquely situated at a Hispanic-serving institution on the U.S.-Mexican border. The bicultural community of South Texas allows our students to gain experience applying psychological principles to one of the fastest growing minority groups in the country. Additionally, easy access to México allows students who are interested in cross-cultural issues to gain first-hand experience conducting research in a foreign country.

No matter what a student’s concentration or area of interest, the psychology internship courses in the MS in Psychology program give students the opportunity to apply their knowledge through real-world research or professional experience.

About Our Faculty

All of the psychology faculty have doctoral degrees in their area of inquiry. Faculty members have a broad array of research and teaching interests, including media violence, personality, bilingualism, identity development, memory/cognition, alcoholism, and Hispanic issues in education. All of our faculty are involved in advising, mentoring, and educating students. Prospective students interested in speaking with a faculty member concerning their area of interest should contact the department of Behavioral, Applied Sciences and Criminal Justice.

Careers

Graduates of the MS in Psychology program have numerous employment opportunities depending on their track. The educational psychology track is designed to provide already certified teachers with professional development in the areas of teaching, learning, classroom management, and assessment. Teachers graduating from this track will have the skills to take leadership roles in their school/school district in curriculum development and assessment.

Graduates of the research methods and evaluation track will be prepared to assume research, evaluation, data collection, or data analysis positions in federal agencies, state governments, corporations (e.g., psychological/educational assessment companies and market research agencies), and non-profits (e.g., professional organizations, social science research organizations, and accreditation boards).

Students completing the general psychology track will have the knowledge and skills necessary to work successfully in the corporate and human service fields. All graduates of the MS in Psychology program have the necessary preparation to successfully pursue advanced degrees (Ph.D.) in psychology.