Psychology--Experimental Psychology, M.A.

The Experimental Psychology major is a flexible degree program that prepares students for doctoral study in psychology and related fields and for specialized, research-oriented occupations. The Experimental major requires a minimum of 42 graduate credit hours. In addition to the core courses required for all M.A. students, Experimental majors must also enroll in PSY 5343 Psychology as Science and PSY 5383 Multivariate Analysis in Psychology plus additional course work as required by the advisory committee. Students must submit a thesis in partial fulfillment of their degree requirements. Each student's advisory committee, with the addition of one faculty member from outside the department, constitutes the reading committee for the master's thesis. The member from outside the department, will, at the request of the student, be appointed by the graduate dean along with confirmation of the entire committee as the thesis begins. The master's thesis is an original, independent, experimental research project with the potential for publication in a scholarly journal. Consult the publication manual of the American Psychological Association for clarification of what qualifies as research in experimental psychology and for guidance regarding the design and reporting of psychological science research.

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Admission Requirements
Submit the following items to:
Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
  Application deadline is January 15 for fall semester admissions and
  August 15 for spring or summer admission.

- Official copies of graduate and undergraduate transcripts from
  each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts
  must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts
  must show:*
    - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 2.75 GPA in the last 60
      hours attempted.
    - Completion of 21 undergraduate hours as follows: PSY
      1103, PSY 2753, PSY 3713, PSY 3833, PSY 3903, PSY
      3913, PSY 4753, with no grade below “C”.
    - Students with a native language other than English must submit
      evidence of English language proficiency. See Admission to
      Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency (p.15).
    - A GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning
      and quantitative sections (900 combined on the previous scale)
      and a minimum of 3.5 on the analytical writing section (scores
      above the median strongly preferred).

*Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See Admissions to Graduate Studies (p.13).

- An academic/career goals statement (maximum 500 words)
  that includes a description of the research area of interest within
  experimental psychology should accompany the application.
- Three letters of recommendation that describe the applicant's
  academic preparation, research potential, and readiness for
  graduate school should accompany the application.

Note: Please understand that admission to the JCGS does not guarantee admission to the Experimental Psychology major. Students are admitted separately to the graduate college and to the specific academic major/program.

Other Requirements
- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with the
  Jackson College of Graduate Studies in the first semester. The
  plan must be signed and dated by the student and graduate
  program coordinator before it is considered official. http://
  www.uco.edu/ceps/dept/Professional-Studies-Programs/psy/
  psychology-ma.asp
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  - No more than 6 hours of “C”.
  - No more than 6 advisor-approved hours from traditional
    correspondence courses.
- Thesis. Each student must enroll in PSY 5990 in the final
  semester, complete an acceptable thesis, successfully defend
  it in public, provide the required materials to the graduate
  college, and archive it according to JCGS guidelines.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by
  the posted deadline.

Graduation Requirements
Required Courses..........................................................42 Hours

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