Sample PhD Programs and Employment of MA in Psychology, Option in Psychological Research Students

PhD Programs:
USC
UCLA
Oxford University
University of Illinois
Claremont
University of Iowa
UC Santa Barbara
University of Denver
UC Davis
University of North Texas

Law Degree Programs of MA-Psychological Research Students:
Western State University, College of Law

Examples of Organizations Employing MA-Psychological Research Alumni:
Boeing
XEROX, Inc.
IBM
Hewlett Packard
eBay
UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs
WestEd
Clovis Unified School District
Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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The Master of Arts in Psychology, Option in Psychological Research (MAPR) program is designed to provide basic graduate education in the content areas and research of general psychology in order to prepare for doctoral work or for Master’s level careers. It is a two year, full-time program.

The core seminars cover basic areas of psychology including cognition, learning, clinical, personality, social, physiological/sensory psychology, health, developmental psychology, and quantitative methods.

Doctoral programs frequently prefer students with the training and experience provided by the psychological research program. Many of the students completing the psychological research program degree enter doctoral programs throughout the country. Faculty members and the graduate advisor actively guide and assist students in the Ph.D. program selection and also in job placement. Of those graduates who elect not to pursue a doctoral degree the majority hold positions that make use of their training in psychology. These include positions in community colleges, laboratories using physiological and behavioral research methodologies, social service agencies, business, industry and government.

All graduate seminar courses have an enrollment of 15 or fewer students, which facilitates close communication and intellectual stimulation among participants. A total of 30 graduate units is required for the psychological research program and it typically takes two years for a student to complete the coursework requirements of the degree.

### MAPR Curriculum

1. One (1) of the following advanced statistical courses:
   - PSY 511 Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments
   - PSY 512 Multivariate Analysis

2. The following two (2) courses:
   - PSY 596 Proseminar on Graduate Research
   - PSY 696 Research Methods in Psychology

3. Three (3) of the following courses:
   - PSY 631 Perception/Physiological Psychology
   - PSY 632 Learning
   - PSY 633 Perception and Attention
   - PSY 634 Cognition
   - PSY 635 Situation Awareness
   - PSY 651 Social Psychology
   - PSY 656 Personality
   - PSY 661 Developmental Psychology
   - PSY 673 Clinical Psychology
   - PSY 678 Health, Behavior and Intervention

4. Two approved graduate-level Elective courses

5. PSY 698 Thesis

### MAPR Program

#### Student Learning Outcomes

**Knowledge base in Psychological Research**

*By the time of completion of the MAPR degree, students will demonstrate that they can:*

- Summarize and critique the psychology literature including core theories, particularly within their chosen area of specialization.

**Research Design and Methods**

*By the time of completion of the MAPR degree, students will demonstrate that they can:*

- Demonstrate their understanding and ability to implement basic and applied research designs used to address psychological issues.

**Statistics**

*By the time of completion of the MAPR degree, students will demonstrate that they can:*

- Demonstrate knowledge of the range of analytic techniques that are used in psychology.

**Communication**

*By the time of completion of the MAPR degree, students will demonstrate that they can:*

- Communicate both orally and in writing at a level that is appropriate for professionals in their chosen area of specialization.