

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

**PhD Programs:**

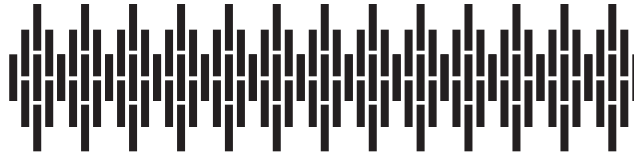
USC  
UCLA  
Oxford University  
University of Illinois  
Claremont  
University of Iowa  
UC Santa Barbara  
University of Denver  
UC Davis  
University of North Texas

**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



**For application and additional information:**

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**Master of Arts  
in  
Psychological  
Research  
at CSULB**



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 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.



Fall 2017 MAPR Cohort

## 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

