

**INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS**  
**APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY**

The School of Psychology offers the following programs:

**M.A.-Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology (English stream or French stream):**

The Clinical Psychology program offers training in the scientist-practitioner model. It received full accreditation from the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) in 1986 and has been subsequently reaccredited, most recently in 2018. Information about CPA can be found at <http://www.cpa.ca/> and <http://www.cpa.ca/accreditation>

The program requires a minimum of 12 consecutive sessions in full-time residence. Although the program may be completed in a minimum of five years, including the internship, completion of all requirements of the program of studies typically requires further sessions. The profile of students who graduated between September 2016 and June 2023 indicates a mean of 7.3 years to complete the program.

Students in each language stream in the Clinical program complete a minimum of 100% of their required courses and training (including psychological service delivery and report writing) in the language of the stream to which they were admitted. Accordingly, applicants should be fluent in the language associated with the stream to which they apply.

For further information about the Clinical program, its administrative policies and procedures, research and clinical practicum opportunities, and training outcomes, please visit our website: <https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/psychology/graduate/clinical-psychology>

**M.A.-Ph.D. program in Experimental Psychology:**

The MA-PhD in Experimental Psychology program requires a minimum of nine consecutive sessions in full-time residence. The profile of students who graduated between September 2016 and June 2023 indicates median of 6.6 years to complete the program. There are four fields representing the expertise that the program offers – behavioural neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, and social/community psychology.

For further information about the MA-PhD in Experimental Psychology, its administrative policies and procedures, please visit our website: <https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/programs/graduate/experimental-psychology>

**MA program in Experimental Psychology**

**Major Research Paper:** The MA in Experimental Psychology MRP option requires a minimum of three consecutive sessions in full-time residence. There are four fields representing the expertise that the program offers – behavioural neuroscience, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, and social/community psychology.

**Course-Based with Co-op:** The MA in Experimental Psychology Course-based and Co-op option requires a minimum of four consecutive sessions in full-time residence.

For further information about the MA in Experimental Psychology programs, its administrative policies and procedures, please visit our website:

## **Admissions requirements for both MA-PhD programs:**

The normal minimum requirement for admission into either of the two programs (MA - PhD in Clinical Psychology or MA - PhD in Experimental Psychology) is the Honours Baccalaureate in Psychology, or its equivalent, with a minimal GPA of 8.0, including an Honour's thesis or an equivalent individual research project. In addition, course requirements are a course in History and Systems of Psychology (or its equivalent) and two courses in statistical analysis (or their equivalents). If these course requirements are not met at the time of admission, the candidates will be required to complete them within the first two years of graduate studies. (For the program in Clinical Psychology, in order to meet a component of the academic requirements for registration with the College of Psychologists of Ontario, a minimum of twenty undergraduate psychology courses is required for admission.)

Students who have completed a master's degree in Psychology may be given advanced standing. Admission to the Experimental Psychology program is possible on the basis of a four-year honours degree in another discipline relevant to Psychology, with a letter of support from the prospective supervisor. The degree must include a thesis or an equivalent independent research project and at least 36 credits (12 one-session courses) in Psychology, including two single-semester courses in statistics. Students with a strong background in mathematics, physical sciences, biological science, or computer science are especially encouraged to apply to the Experimental Program.

Doctoral degrees from both programs can be obtained with a mention of [professional bilingual competence](#).

## **Admission requirements for the MA in Experimental Psychology**

### *MA with Major Research Paper (MRP):*

The normal minimum requirement for admission is the Honours Bachelor in Psychology, or its equivalent, including an Honour's thesis or an equivalent individual research project. In addition, course requirements include a course in History and Systems of Psychology (or its equivalent), and two courses in statistical analysis (or their equivalents). If these course requirements are not met at the time of admission, the candidates will be required to complete them within the first year of graduate studies.

Exceptionally, admission to the MA with MRP is possible on the basis of a four-year Honour's degree in another discipline relevant to Psychology, with a letter of support from the prospective supervisor. The degree must include a thesis or an equivalent individual research project and the equivalent of at least 36 units (12 one-term courses) in Psychology, including statistics and some research experience.

Note: Students with a strong background in mathematics, physical sciences, biological science or computer science are especially encouraged to apply.

### *MA with Courses and Co-op:*

The normal minimum requirement for admission is the Honours Bachelor in Psychology, or its equivalent. In addition, course requirements include a course in History and Systems of Psychology (or its equivalent), and two courses in statistical analysis (or their equivalents). If these course requirements are not met at the time of admission, the candidates will be required to complete them within the first year of graduate studies.

Exceptionally, admission to the MA Coursework is possible on the basis of a four-year Honour's degree in another discipline relevant to Psychology, with a letter of support from the Graduate Studies Committee. The degree must include the equivalent of at least 36 units in Psychology, including statistics and some research experience.

Note: Students with a strong background in mathematics, physical sciences, biological science or computer science are especially encouraged to apply

In order to be considered for admission for September 2024, your application must be received **by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the file must be complete with all required documents at the latest January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Note that the Admissions Committee will consider strong applications after this deadline to the Experimental Program ONLY if thesis supervisors are still available. **The Admissions Committee will not consider applications to the Clinical Program after the application deadline.**

Equity is a University of Ottawa policy: Indigenous and Black individuals, other individuals of colour, and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply to our programs. The University will provide reasonable and appropriate accommodation to students and student applicants with a known disability in a timely, respectful, and confidential manner as required under the Ontario Human Rights Code: <http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/ontario-human-rights-code>.

The decisions of our Admissions Committee for an initial round of admission offers will be communicated to each applicant offered admission before March 15, 2024. Applicants who are made an offer in this initial round must indicate their acceptance by April 15, 2024. Applicants who are made an offer of admission in a subsequent round of offers must indicate their acceptance within one month of the date of the offer. For each applicant offered admission, we would appreciate being informed, as soon as possible, if you have been awarded an external scholarship.