

# MA in Psychology with Emphasis in Developmental Psychology

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Developmental psychology is the scientific study of social, cognitive and physical development over time. The Developmental Psychology doctoral program offers a strong background in statistics and research methodology and intensive research mentoring. Graduate students engage in research with their primary advisor beginning in their first semester in the program and take supporting coursework.

The MA degree is typically completed as part of a student's normal progress through the doctoral program. Students are accepted into the MA program under the expectation that they will continue to doctoral study in our department. We do not admit students seeking a terminal master's degree in this emphasis area.

## **Degree Requirements**

The requirements are (1) 30 credit hours, including research credit and the student's distribution courses, (2) a thesis, and (3) a final oral examination on the thesis research. Although only 30 hours are required to earn the master's degree, MA students are expected to successfully complete a subset of courses that will meet the PhD requirements of 9 hours of distribution courses, 11 hours of statistics and 24 hours in the area of concentration.

More detailed information about the rules and regulations for degree completion can be found in the Department of Psychological Sciences Graduate Student Handbook (<https://psychology.missouri.edu/grad/handbooks-and-forms/>).

## **Admissions**

Please refer to the admission requirements for the MA in Psychology (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/psychology/ma-psychology/>). Students are only accepted for the PhD in Psychology and the MA is earned as a secondary degree en route to the PhD.