**Master of Arts, Psychology, Plan of Study**

You and your advisor should form an advisory committee during your first semester of at least three people, of which at least one must be a Psychology faculty member. This committee should approve your plan of study, and review it with you at least once a year. Advisory committee members may or may not be part of your thesis committee.

Hours beyond the required 30 credit hours of graduate course work may be required by the academic advisor and the student's advisory committee.  The faculty conduct a thorough review of student performance on a regular basis.  Continuation in the program is contingent upon a favorable review during these evaluations.  Students who consistently show borderline course performance, who fail to complete coursework in a timely basis, or who otherwise perform unprofessionally or unsatisfactorily, may be required to complete additional courses or may be removed from the program.  The enrollment of a student who receives three grades of C or one Unsatisfactory (U) grade during his or her graduate career is automatically terminated.

### Core Courses (18-21 credit hours)

#### Methodology Courses (6 credit hours)

Select two classes from the following options:

Community Focus

* PSYC 6145 - Applied Research Design and Program Evaluation (3) (Spring of Year 1) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 6205 - Field & Lab Quant. Res. Meth.  Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Other approved research course:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Term\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cognition Focus

* PSYC 6205 - Field & Lab Quant. Res. Meth.  Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 6650 - Research Sem. in Org. Psych.  Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* OSCI 8650 - Research Methods Seminar in Organizational Science Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RSCH 6110 - Descriptive and Inferential Statistics (3) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RSCH 6120 - Advanced Statistics (3) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other approved research course:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Term\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Health Focus (must be co-enrolled in Health Psychology PhD Program)

* PSYC 8102 - Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Psychology (3) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 8103 - Basic Quantitative Analyses for Behavioral Sciences (3) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Other approved research course:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Term\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Ethics Courses (3 credit hours***)

Select one of the following (note that 8000 level courses are available only to those co-enrolled in the Health Psychology PhD program)

* PSYC 6107/8107 - Ethical and Professional Issues in Psychology (3) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PHIL 6240/8240 - Research Ethics in the Biological and Behavioral Sciences (3) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Specialty Courses (6 credit hours)***

Select two classes from the following options:

Community Focus

* PSYC 6155 Community Psychology  (Fall Year 2) Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Either of the following (Spring Year 2):

* PSYC 6355 Community Research Practicum   Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 6455 Practicum in Community Psychology Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cognition Focus

* PSYC 5316 - Cognitive Neuroscience Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 6111 – Psychology of Learning & Memory Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 6115 – Sensation and Perception Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 6116 – Cognition Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Health Specialty Focus (must be co-enrolled in Health Psychology PhD Program)

* PSYC 8200 Health Psychology Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PSYC 8201 Health Psychology II Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Thesis Course (>3 credit hours)

* PSYC 6999 - Thesis (1-3 per semester) Proposal should be presented by end of Year 1 or beginning of Year 2; Thesis completed by end of Year 2 Term(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Term(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note**: Thesis committees shall have at least 3 members.  At least one member should be a member of the Psychology faculty.  The committee must be approved by the student's advisor and the program director.  After submitting the formal written proposal to the committee, a proposal defense will be scheduled.  Approval of the thesis proposal by the committee must be unanimous.  Following a successful proposal, the student shall execute the study, write and submit the complete thesis to the committee.  An oral defense in front of the committee shall then be scheduled.  Approval of the completed thesis by the committee must be unanimous.

### Elective Courses (12 credit hours)

A minimum of 12 elective credit hours selected in consultation with the student's advisor are required. You can use **any graduate level Psychological Sciences or Health Psychology (PSYC) class**, other courses outside Psychology that are approved by your advisor (including the ones listed below or elsewhere in this plan of study). You will need to submit a petition to the Graduate School in order to count non-Psychology classes not listed here towards the MA. You can use any of the courses listed above as elective credit. For example, a student in the Cognitive Science area may use PSYC 6116 and 6115 to satisfy the Specialty Courses requirement, then use PSYC 5316 and PSYC 6111 as elective credit.

* COMM 6000 Topics in Communication Studies Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ENGL 5167 - Mind & Language Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ENGL 6161 - Introduction to Linguistics Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ENGL 6163 Language Acquisition Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* GEOG 5110 GIS for Non-majors Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GEOG 6005 Topics in Urban Geography Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* GRNT 6210/MPAD 6210 Aging and Public Policy Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* GRNT 6600 Current issues in Gerontology Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HLTH 6202 Community Epidemiology Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HLTH 6227 Community Health Planning and Evaluation Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HLTH 6228 Social Determinants of Health Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HLTH 6220 Applied Health Behavior Change Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HSRD 8000 Topics in Health Services Research Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HSRD 8202 Health Care Systems and Delivery Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* HSRD 8203/PPOL 8667 Economics of Health and Healthcare Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ITCS 6050 Topics in Intelligent Systems Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ITCS 6150 Intelligent Systems Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ITIS 6400 Human Centered Design Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* KNES 5232 Physiology of Human Aging or PSYC 6124 Psychology of Aging Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* KNES 6285 Advanced Cardiopulmonary Physiology Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* MPAD 6142 Grant Writing and Reporting Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MPAD 6184 Urban Government and Politics Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MPAD 6311 Introduction to Nonprofit Management Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MPAD 6324 Financial Analysis for Nonprofit Organizations Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* NURS 6115 Health Policy and Planning in the United States Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PHIL 6050 Topics in Philosophy Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PHIL 6340 Philosophy of Mind Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PPOL 8661 Social Organization of Healthcare Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* PPOL 8663 Health Policy Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the courses identified above, students can, with their advisory committee’s approval, co-enroll in a related graduate certificate program and use those courses for elective credit. Any non-Psychology classes not specifically listed here will not automatically count as an elective for the MA Program in Psychology. To receive credit for those classes you will need to complete a [graduate school petition](https://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/academic-petitions). (<https://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/academic-petitions>)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Print, sign, date)

Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Print, sign, date)

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