

# **EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY, M.A. (RESTRICTED TO PSYCHOLOGY, PH.D. STUDENTS—COGNITIVE AND NEURO SCIENCES AND QUANTITATIVE CONCENTRATIONS ONLY)**

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Experimental Psychology, M.A. (restricted to Psychology, Ph.D. students—Cognitive and Neuro Sciences and Quantitative concentrations only)

The MA in Experimental Psychology is an option available for students enrolled in the Psychology, Ph.D. (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/psychology-experimental/experimental-psychology-phd/>) - (Cognitive and Neuro Sciences and Quantitative concentrations only) who choose to take the additional steps to obtain the master's degree concurrent with the doctoral program in Experimental Psychology. Students seeking a terminal master's degree are not admitted to the program; instead, students admitted to the doctoral program are automatically admitted to the master's program, if they desire that degree.

The MA curriculum is designed to provide expertise in one area of Experimental Psychology, along with advanced knowledge of several additional areas within the field. The degree is awarded upon successful completion of course work, submission of an acceptable thesis, and satisfactory performance on a comprehensive, oral examination.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- All graduates will demonstrate fundamental knowledge of theory and research in behavioral neuroscience, cognitive neuroscience, cognitive psychology and developmental psychology at the level to pursue a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology.
- All graduates will demonstrate expertise in experimental design and data analyses in their field of inquiry at a good level or above in their Master's thesis.
- All graduate will be able to explain and apply the ethical standards of the field of psychology as they apply to their Master's Theses.