

# Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work

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The Department of Behavioral Sciences includes the disciplines of psychology, sociology and social work. Graduate work in all three areas is available. The psychology program offers a master's degree leading to mental health positions, licensure for specialist in school psychology (LSSP) or psychological associate (LPA), and enhanced competitiveness to enter doctoral programs in psychology. Many graduates have entered highly competitive doctoral programs in a variety of psychology specializations—clinical, counseling, I/O, biopsychology, experimental, social, comparative, statistics, etc.

The sociology program offers master's degrees either through interdisciplinary studies or as a part of the criminal justice master's program. Graduate study in sociology prepares the student to understand change in society and its institutions and to apply this understanding in a variety of employment settings. These include community college teaching, criminal justice agencies, corporate organizations, social policy development, social action programming, social research and its practical applications. Graduate sociology courses can be used as a minor field of study for the master's degree in criminal justice. Graduate study also prepares students for various doctoral programs in sociology.

The social work program offers a master's (M.S.W.) degree through a cooperative program with the University of Texas—Arlington (UTA). This part-time master's program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) and offers working students a chance to complete the requirements for the M.S.W. degree in three to four years. All courses are taught on the WTAMU campus through both universities with the degree awarded by UTA. Additional information for graduate studies in psychology, sociology and social work may be obtained from the department or through [www.wtamu.edu](http://www.wtamu.edu).

## Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

### Major in Psychology (Major Code: 5119)

#### Criteria for Admission

- Grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 overall, 3.25 in psychology.
- Applicant must score at the 50th percentile or higher on two of the following: verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scales of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the GRE psychology subject test. No GRE scale score shall be lower than the 25th percentile. GRE psychology subject test not required for admission to program.
- A major in psychology or substantial equivalent, which includes the following courses: general, child/developmental, statistics, experimental, abnormal or personality, and two courses from the following: learning, cognition, psychological testing, biological psychology or history/systems.
- Strong academic and professional potential.

Applicants not meeting these criteria may apply for conditional admission.

Discipline	Course Prefix
Psychology .....	PSYC
Social Work .....	SOCW
Sociology .....	SOCI

NOTE: See the "Academic Courses and Abbreviations" and "Course Descriptions" sections of this catalog for a complete list of courses offered by the University.