



## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

### PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

#### Degree Programs

The Department of Psychology and Philosophy offers Master of Arts (M.A.) degrees in General Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and School Psychology, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Clinical Psychology.

#### The Master of Arts in Psychology

The Department of Psychology and Philosophy offers Master of Arts degrees in General Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and School Psychology.

The Clinical and School programs are designed to produce effective Master's-level practitioners. The General program does not involve training in the delivery of psychological services, but does - like the Clinical and School programs - prepare students for further graduate study and/or junior college teaching.

#### Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission include:

1. 18 hours of coursework in undergraduate Psychology that includes a course in Research Methods and a course in Statistics;
2. a 3.0 undergraduate grade point average;
3. three letters of recommendation;
4. a statement of personal interests and goals; and
5. submission of scores on the General Test of Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Ordinarily, the most useful letters of recommendation come from university faculty who are able to describe the applicant's potential for success in graduate study. The Department does not use a recommendation form; ask referees to send letters on their own letterhead directly to the Coordinator of the Master's programs, whose address is below.

Students admitted to the Master's programs in Psychology at SHSU have average undergraduate GPAs of 3.4 and average GRE scores (Verbal & Quantitative combined) of 1085. Those whose scores are not that high may still wish to apply. We recognize that students do not always demonstrate their potential for professional success through such traditional criteria. We seek promising students from all backgrounds who will enhance our program and, later, professional psychology. High test scores and grades do not guarantee acceptance, and students whose lower scores are offset by other exceptional qualifications may be admitted. In any case, all applications must be complete (with transcripts, GRE scores, letters, and a personal statement of interests and goals) before any form of admission is possible.

Students may begin study at the beginning of any semester or summer session. The application deadline for admission to the fall semester is July 1. The deadline for spring admission is November 1, and the deadline for summer admission is April 1.

Applications are evaluated when they are complete, and offers of admission are made on a rolling basis, so please note: We do not always have space remaining in our programs when an application deadline arrives. You should always apply for admission as soon as possible. Please also note that several of our admission requirements, policies, and deadlines differ from those of other programs at SHSU.

In addition, once they have completed their first 18 hours of graduate study, all students must be admitted to candidacy for the Master of Arts degree before continuing their graduate coursework. As part of this process,