



# GRADUATE STUDIES FACT SHEET

## GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

The general psychology program is designed for students interested in research and/or teaching, and can help students prepare for training at the doctoral level. The 36-credit general program is limited to a small number of students with specifically defined educational plans, including enhancement of an existing career, additional preparation for study in a doctoral program, and exploration of the field for those who may have a limited background in psychology. Completion of the general program will not provide all the training necessary for a specific career in applied psychology.

Upon application to the general program, a student must identify a faculty mentor in the department who agrees to advise him or her throughout the candidate's program.

### THE CURRICULUM

Students must complete 36 semester hours for the master of arts in general psychology, including the following required courses (15 semester hours):

**PSY 501** Introductory Statistics for the Behavior Sciences

**PSY 502** Advanced Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

**PSY 524** Psychometrics: Measurement and Evaluation

**PSY 600** Research Report

**PSY 610** Thesis

In addition, students must take 21 semester hours, which must be chosen in consultation with their adviser and may include courses outside the psychology discipline.

Students must file for degree candidacy after completing 15 hours of the required

course work, which typically occurs after the first academic year of study. Students must have at least a 3.2 GPA in the required courses.

### FACILITIES

The Department of Psychology is housed in a modern facility with a computer lab and state-of-the-art video room for research and for practicing psychotherapy skills. Laboratories and experimental facilities also are available.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education:

- Completed graduate application, including written statement of professional goals (apply online at [www.wcupa.edu/grad](http://www.wcupa.edu/grad))
- Official academic transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended
- Scores from TOEFL (non-native speakers only); score of 550 or better required (213 or better on computerized test or 79 for Internet) or ILETS score of 6.5
- Scores from Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test (or MAT with permission of graduate coordinator)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Admission interview (if deemed necessary)

Please note that admission is for fall semester only.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education

McKelvie Hall  
102 West Rosedale Avenue  
West Chester University  
West Chester, PA 19383

Call: 610-436-2943

Fax: 610-436-2763

E-mail: [gradstudy@wcupa.edu](mailto:gradstudy@wcupa.edu)

Web: [www.wcupa.edu/grad](http://www.wcupa.edu/grad)

Visit: [www.facebook.com/wcugrad](http://www.facebook.com/wcugrad)

*Or contact the department:*

Write: Graduate Coordinator  
Department of Psychology  
West Chester University  
West Chester, PA 19383

Call: 610-436-2758

E-mail: [jbunk@wcupa.edu](mailto:jbunk@wcupa.edu)

Web: [www.wcupa.edu/\\_academics/sch\\_cas.psy/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/sch_cas.psy/)

The Graduate Catalog is available online at [www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/official.documents/graduate.catalog/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/graduate.catalog/).

### ABOUT GRADUATE STUDIES

West Chester University offers high-quality graduate degrees in more than 70 disciplines or areas of study, as well as certificate and certification programs. The graduate studies program has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1960. West Chester University's program is the largest within the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolling more than 2,100 graduate students.

Programs can be taken on a part-time basis, and most of the graduate classes are scheduled during late afternoons and evenings for the benefit of in-service teachers and other employed persons.

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## ABOUT WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

A regional, public institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as certification and certificate programs, in more than 100 subject areas. As the second largest member of the State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal

School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs. Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, as well as 1,500 facul-

ty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor, West Chester University is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, Del. The campus is convenient to major cultural institutions, recreational activities, and commercial businesses, many of which provide internship opportunities for WCU's students.

