RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGY (MS)

Program Description

School of Psychology, Family, and Community Faculty (http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-psychology-family-community/faculty-and-staff/)

School of Psychology, Family, and Community Graduate Programs Website (http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-psychology-family-community/graduate-programs/)

The Master of Science (MS) in Research Psychology program allows students to earn a master's degree by completing 33 quarter-based credits. This master's degree is intended for completion in three academic quarter-based terms and one summer term, focused on completion of a capstone project and capstone presentation.

The MS in Research Psychology provides high quality, rigorous coursework in advanced statistics and research methods as well as research experiences for students preparing for career trajectories in research laboratories, research and data-driven corporate/industrial settings, or agencies prioritizing research and program evaluation to enhance service effectiveness and capacity for increased grant funding.

The MS in Research Psychology also provides important research preparation and mentoring for students with doctoral program goals by allowing more focused research training and opportunities to contribute to professional peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations.

Seattle Pacific University is especially well suited for this program due to its maintenance of state-of-the-art research laboratories, extensive faculty research involvement, and capacities of existing undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs to support new masters-level students.

Admission Requirements

- Online application (http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/) and $75 application fee.
- Bachelor's degree
  - From a regionally accredited institution in the field of psychology with coursework in statistics and research methods.
  - From a regionally accredited institution in a non-psychological field with the ability to demonstrate strong competency in statistics and research methods.
  - Students must have graduated with good academic standing with a minimum grade-point average of 3.0.
  - Preference will be given to students with strong experience in research, statistics, and writing.
- Prerequisites
  - Completion of a course comparable to three quarter-based credits in descriptive or inferential statistics, with a grade of at least C+ (2.3).
  - Completion of a course comparable to three quarter-based credits in research methods, with a grade of at least C+ (2.3).
- No GRE (Graduate Record Exam) is required for this program.
- Letters of recommendation
  - Three letters of recommendation are required. Two (2) should come from academic references (e.g., professor, instructor) and one (1) from a professional (e.g., employer, internship supervisor).
  - Letters of recommendation are not required for Seattle Pacific University students or alumni from the School of Psychology, Family, and Community.
- Personal statement, typed and addresses the following
  - Future career or graduate school objectives
  - Rationale for seeking a degree in research psychology and why you are seeking to attend Seattle Pacific University
  - Description of how this experience would differ from your undergraduate courses or experiences
  - Experience working on research teams or other groups and what you have learned from working in groups
  - Area of research or questions you are interested in studying
- Mention your professional and personal strengths as they apply:
  - Related research experiences
  - Relevant knowledge of and use of statistics and research methods
  - Personal values
  - Awareness of SPU's faith identity and related openness to faith discussions as well as faith-related course requirements
  - Any other insights deemed appropriate by the applicant

Deadline

February 3

Admissions Process

The Admissions Committee of the Master of Science in Research Psychology program will conduct a preliminary screening process.

- Finalists may be invited to an on-campus or virtual interview day.
- Admission to the master's program depends upon recommendation by the Research Psychology faculty and approval from the Research Psychology chair.
- The entire process is usually completed within twelve weeks after the final deadline date for applications.

Contact

- Graduate Admissions (http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions/)
- gradadmissions@spu.edu
- 206-281-2091 or 800-601-0603

Research Psychology (MS)

33 Credits Minimum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
RPS 6100	Applied Research Design I	4
RPS 6300	Grant Writing for Government and Non-profit Agencies	4
RPS 6510	Quantitative Methods in Research I: Introduction to Inferential Statistics and Analysis of Variance	4
RPS 6520	Quantitative Methods in Research II: Correlation and Regression	4
RPS 6850	Christian Faith and Scientific Worldview	3
RPS 6995	Research and Thesis [1]	2
Section credits required		25
Electives [2]		

Select 8 credits from the following:		8
CPY 7000	History and Systems of Psychology	
CPY 7101	Neural and Biological Bases of Behavior	
CPY 7200	Personality Theory and Research	
CPY 7210	Developmental Psychology	
CPY 7220	Psychopathology	
CPY 7230	Cognition and Learning	
CPY 7400	Ethics and Laws in Clinical Psychology	
ISM 6212	Database Management and Warehousing	
ISM 6359	Data Mining	
ISM 6361	Data Visualization	
ORG 6003	Hacking the World of Work	
ORG 6034	Qualitative Research Methods	
ORG 6101	Organizational Development and Consultation I	
ORG 6105	Motivation	
ORG 6210	Program and Organizational Evaluation	
RPS 6200	Applied Research Design II	
RPS 6400	Survey Research	
RPS 6610	Data Analytics and Storytelling	
RPS 6910	Future Ph.D. Fellows Seminar	
RPS 6930	Practicum	
Section Credits Required		8
Total Credits		**33**

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Repeat RPS 6995 Research and Thesis to earn 6 credits.

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Electives in other disciplines offered as space is available.