

M.A. in Psychology Program  
Metropolitan State University  
Guaranteed Admissions Program  
(Approved by Psychology Department Feb. 13, 2007)

Any student graduating with a B.A. in Psychology and meeting the requirements below will be granted admission to the M.A. in Psychology program the Fall immediately following a December or May graduation. In order to be admitted under this program, a student must submit an application for admission and the guaranteed admission checklist by March 1 immediately preceding the Fall (August) he or she wishes to enter the program. A student would be guaranteed admission by meeting all of the requirements below. Students missing one or more requirements are encouraged to apply through the normal application process, but would not be guaranteed admission.

1. Graduation with B.A. in Psychology from Metropolitan State University (no later than the May preceding desired admission date)
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in all courses
3. An average GPA of 3.5 or higher in all Psychology Courses
4. Completion of the following courses with a grade of "B" or higher
  - \*Psyc 363 Community Psychology
  - \*Psyc 336 Social Psychology
  - \*Psyc 312 Research Methods
  - \*Psyc 307 Data Analysis and Applied Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
5. Demonstrated competence in scientific writing
6. Research Experience (satisfactory experience as judged by the M.A. program faculty)
7. Positive references from two Metropolitan State Resident Faculty in Psychology

FAQ:

- Q. If I want to start the program in fall 2008, when would I have to notify the M.A. Program?  
A. If you want to start in Fall (August) 2008, submit an application for admission, along with the guaranteed admissions checklist by March 1, 2008.
- Q. I know I want to start in Fall 2008, but in early 2008 I am not yet finished with my degree. What should I do?  
A. You may apply for guaranteed admission, as long as you will be graduating in May 2008. Get registered for all courses/learning experiences for Spring term, and notify the graduation office of your intention to graduate in May. Then, submit an application for admission, along with the guaranteed admissions checklist by March 1, 2008.
- Q. I graduated in December 2006, but want to start the M.A. program in Fall (August) 2008. Would I be guaranteed admission?  
A. You would not be guaranteed admission because you are not applying to start the Fall immediately following graduation. You should apply through the regular application process, but in your application letter you should mention that you meet all other requirements of the guaranteed admissions program.
- Q. Why would I consider this if I'm not sure I'll attend graduate school at all, or maybe I would attend somewhere else?  
A. Many graduate programs and employers look for skills, competencies, and achievements similar to those in the program, so many of the requirements would benefit students with slightly different school or career paths.