Master of Science in Psychology

The requirements for the Master’s degree include 30 semester-hour credits. More detail about course requirements can be found on-line in the department’s Graduate Handbook. Non-Psychology courses need prior approval from the Graduate Committee. Required courses are Psychology 201, 202, 207, 208, 298, 290, 295, and 296. In addition, students must take one core course (options are Psychology 231, 232, 233, 234, 235) and two additional 200-level Psychology or other Tufts graduate courses.

Students must demonstrate expertise in statistics and experimental design. This can be done by either receiving a grade of A- or better in Psychology 208 (Advanced Statistics II) or taking a written qualifying exam. Statistical expertise must be verified before being admitted to the Ph.D. portion of the program.

The Master’s thesis is to be completed by the end of the second year. A written proposal outlining this thesis should be submitted and orally defended at a minimum of six months prior to the defense date. The Master’s thesis must be an empirical research study in psychology, which will be presented in written form and on which the candidate must take an oral comprehensive examination.