

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (M.A.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Master of Arts in Applied Psychology program is to provide students with foundational training in psychology with an emphasis on the application of knowledge, skills, and values informed by a biblical worldview to contribute to the optimization of human functioning.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Analyze literature within the discipline of psychological science, including major concepts, theories, methodologies, and empirical findings.
- Critique social scientific research.
- Apply psychological research to practical problems of behavior and mental processes.
- Evaluate psychological research in the context of biblical thought.

Program Specific Admission Procedures

In addition to the General Admission Procedures outlined in this Catalog, applicants to the Master of Arts in Applied Psychology (M.A.) must have:

1. An earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.);
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.00 scale).
3. Official transcripts must be provided before admission. Mail official college transcripts (sealed, unopened copy).

Transfer of Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 hours of coursework into the M.A. in Applied Psychology program. For a transferred course to replace a Liberty University course, the following requirements must be met:

1. The school at which the course was taken must be appropriately accredited.
2. The course credit must be at least three semester hours or five quarter hours.
3. The student must have earned a grade of B- or better in the course.
4. The course must overlap one of Liberty's courses by at least 80%.

Courses related to psychology and counseling that meet all but the last criterion may be transferred in as elective courses. Course work must have been completed within the previous 10 years. Transfer credits **will not** be accepted for the following courses: PSYC 520 Psychology and Christianity (3 c.h.).

Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits. Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old must be repeated.

Programs of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Applied Psychology (M.A.) - Developmental Psychology
- Applied Psychology (M.A.) - General Psychology
- Applied Psychology (M.A.) - Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Applied Psychology (M.A.) - Public Mental Health

Career Opportunities

- Developmental Specialist
- Human Resource Analyst
- Employment Counselor
- Social Service Manager
- Organizational Consultant
- Workforce Manager