



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

General Overview

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is composed of seven departments and programs: Criminal Justice, Global Security Studies, Military Science, Political Science, Psychology and Anthropology, Public Administration, and Sociology.

Academic Programs

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers the Master of Arts degree in psychology, the Master of Science in criminal justice and sociology, and the Master of Public Administration, a professional preparation program for public service in governmental agencies.

Graduate majors in psychology may select a clinical or an experimental concentration. Students who wish to pursue graduate study in anthropology may opt for a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in anthropology. Students with an interest in global security may pursue a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in Global Security Studies and Leadership. Students in the sociology graduate program may choose a general sociology focus or a concentration in regional studies or health and aging.

In addition, the college provides support to graduate programs in other colleges by providing several key graduate courses.

The college also offers the Bachelor of Arts in anthropology, general studies, political science, psychology, and sociology; the Bachelor of Science in psychology; and Bachelor of Science in criminal justice.

Students may minor in anthropology, criminal justice, global security studies, military science, political science, psychology or sociology.

Additionally, the Department of Military Science provides Army ROTC training that can lead to commissioning in the Army, Army Reserve or National Guard.

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Overview

The Master of Science (MS) in criminal justice is designed to accomplish the following educational objectives:

- Enhance the students competence in the content, principles, and methods of criminal justice.
- Prepare students for administrative and management positions in federal, state and local criminal justice agencies.
- Prepare students for entry-level positions requiring graduate degrees, such as federal probation, parole and law enforcement agencies.
- Prepare students for academic study beyond the masters degree.
- Develop, through faculty and graduate research, a criminal justice knowledge base concerning issues unique to the region, including Mexico and South America.
- Provide a resource for federal, state and local criminal justice agencies in need of administrative assistance in policy analysis, development and program evaluation.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Pan American (see Page 17), as well as the other requirements listed below. Application for admission must be submitted online; the application is available at www.utpa.edu/gradschool. Once submitted, applicants can check the status of their applications online or by contacting the Graduate Office.
2. Have demonstrated academic preparation for graduate work in criminal justice. This preparation would be shown by (a) a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, criminology, corrections, police administration or closely related field, or (b) a bachelor's degree in another field and graduate or advanced undergraduate courses in the following areas: political science, psychology, public administration, social work or sociology, and (c) undergraduate coursework in research methods and criminological theory.
3. (For students who would meet graduate studies admission criteria without a GPA of 3.0.) Have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate courses completed, as shown on official transcripts.

Applicants should consult with the departments graduate program director for additional program admissions requirements, including required admission materials.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Science degree in criminal justice requires the successful completion of a total of 36 graduate semester hours. In addition, all students must pass a comprehensive written examination, testing knowledge from the core courses.

Students are expected to make satisfactory progress in the program. All students must maintain an overall 3.0 grade point average in all graduate courses and have no more than two grades of C in the core.

Core Courses

CRIJ	6301	Criminal Justice System
CRIJ	6302	Crime, Criminal Behavior and Criminology
CRIJ	6303	Criminal Justice Policy Analysis
CRIJ	6304	Law, Courts and Criminal Procedure
CRIJ	6305	Criminal Justice Organizational Theory and Behavior
CRIJ	6306	Criminal Justice Research Methods I
CRIJ	6307	Criminal Justice Research Methods II

Electives

In addition to the core courses, students will complete a minimum of nine hours of electives, six of which may come

from graduate courses in related disciplines (outside the Department of Criminal Justice) approved by the graduate program director. The criminal justice electives are as follows:

CRIJ	6308	Seminar on Juvenile Issues
CRIJ	6309	Seminar on Courts and Correctional Issues
CRIJ	6310	Seminar on Law Enforcement Issues
CRIJ	6311	Seminar on Comparative Criminal Justice Issues
CRIJ	6312	Independent Research or Studies
CRIJ	6313	Special Topics (may be repeated once if a new topic)
CRIJ	7101	One-Hour Thesis Course

Other

Finally, to complete their degree, students must choose from one of three options: Thesis, applied project, or six hours of graduate courses approved by the graduate program director.

CRIJ	7301	Thesis
	7302	Thesis
		or
CRIJ	7303	Applied Research Project
	7304	Applied Research Project

Final Requirement

Students must pass a comprehensive written examination in all the core courses.

Course Descriptions

A listing of graduate courses offered by the Department of Criminal Justice can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog beginning on Page 181.

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Global Security Studies and Leadership (GSSL)

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General Overview

The Global Security Studies and Leadership (GSSL) graduate program prepares students for careers in intelligence, national security and other sectors of the global economy through advanced interdisciplinary studies. This program will broaden the skill sets of students through focus on advanced research, effective cross-discipline team communication and critical analysis. Given that jobs in government or private industry often require multidisciplinary cooperation, the GSSL program will prepare students to work with people from different backgrounds, abilities, and knowledge bases. With this approach, students will have the opportunity to gain the perspective and proficiency of multiple disciplines.

Degree Requirements

Core Courses

12 hours	
GSSL 5300	Introduction to Global Security Studies
GSSL 5305	Open Source Research
GSSL 5310	Interdisciplinary Research in Business and Science/Engineering
	OR
GSSL 5320	Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences and Health Sciences
GSSL 5330	Practicum in Global Security Studies and Leadership

Specified Interdisciplinary Courses

15 hours	
COMM 6322	Culture and Communication
EPSY 6350	Introduction to Statistics

OR

EPSY 6351	Intermediate Statistics
MANA 6334	International Management
PSY 6340	Multicultural Mental Health

Graduate-level elective course (*see adviser for a list of courses)

Required Technical Competency Courses	9 hours
CSCI 6303	Principles of Information Technology Systems
CSCI 6318	Cyber Security and Forensics
MIS 6391	Information Security and Assurance Management

Course Descriptions

A listing of graduate courses for the GSSL program can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog on Page 207.

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Overview

The Graduate Program in psychology offers four options for students:

- (1) Clinical psychology, thesis option
- (2) Clinical psychology, non-thesis option.
- (3) Experimental psychology, general
- (4) Experimental psychology, Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Students with a master's degree in clinical psychology will be eligible to apply for licensure as a psychological associate and professional counselor in the state of Texas. Students with a master's degree in experimental psychology, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, will be eligible to complete the national examination to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Both experimental and clinical psychology graduates are encouraged to transfer and continue their education in a doctoral psychology program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Pan American (see Page 17), as well as the other requirements listed below. Application for admission must be submitted online; the application is available at www.utpa.edu/gradschool. Once submitted, applicants can check the status of their applications online or by contacting the Graduate Office.
2. Have completed at least 12 hours of undergraduate courses in psychology, including PSY 2401. Basic Statistics for Psychologists and PSY 3325. Research Methods in Psychology.
3. Submit official transcripts with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours completed in psychology coursework, and a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate psychology coursework.
4. Provide GRE scores
5. Have submitted three letters of recommendation from individuals who are qualified to judge the students academic and professional potential.
6. Submit a 500-word essay describing their professional goals and objectives and specifying the major option to which they are applying.

7. Submit a résumé of educational background, volunteer and work experience.

Applicants will only be considered for acceptance to the program option to which they have applied.

Degree Requirements

◆ Thesis Option in Clinical Psychology

A. Core Courses		27 hours
PSY	6305	Advanced Studies in Psychopathology
PSY	6311	Advanced Studies in Personality Theory
PSY	6320	Current Perspectives in Physiological Psychology
PSY	6325	Theoretical Issues in Learning
PSY	6332	Research Design
PSY	6336	Advanced Psychological Measurement
PSY	6340	Multicultural Mental Health
PSY	6363	Contemporary Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology
EPSY	6350	Introduction to Statistics
B. Clinical Applications		6 hours
PSY	6352	Personality Assessment
PSY	6354	Individual Psychotherapy
C. Supervised Clinical Practice Courses		15 hours
PSY	6364	Clinical Practicum I (repeat twice)
PSY	6368	Internship (480 hours)
PSY	7370	Thesis I
PSY	7372	Thesis II
TOTAL		48 hours

◆ Non-Thesis Option in Clinical Psychology

A. Core Courses		24 hours
PSY	6305	Advanced Psychopathology
PSY	6311	Advanced Studies in Personality Theory
PSY	6320	Current Perspectives in Physiological Psychology
PSY	6325	Theoretical Issues in Learning
PSY	6336	Advanced Psychological Measurement
PSY	6340	Multicultural Mental Health
PSY	6363	Contemporary Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology
PSY	6301	Psych Statistics
B. Clinical Applications		9 hours
PSY	6352	Personality Assessment
PSY	6354	Individual Psychotherapy
PSY	6356	Group Psychotherapy

C. Designated Electives for licensed professional counselors			6 hours
PSY	6330	Developmental Psychology	
EPSY	6366	Lifestyle and Career Development	
EPSY	6393	Marriage and Family Counseling	

D. Supervised Clinical Practice Courses			9 hours
PSY	6364	Clinical Practicum I (repeat twice)	
PSY	6368	Internship (480 hours)	

Total Hours Required for the Option 48 hours

◆ Option in Experimental Psychology

A. Core Courses			18 hours
PSY	6311	Advanced Studies in Personality Theory	
PSY	6320	Current Perspectives in Physiological Psychology	
PSY	6325	Theoretical Issues in Learning	
PSY	6332	Research Design	
PSY	6336	Advanced Psychological Measurement	
PSY	6301	Psych Statistics	

B. Electives			12 hours
To be selected in conjunction with the graduate adviser.			

C. Thesis Requirement			6 hours
PSY	7370	Thesis I	
PSY	7372	Thesis II	

Total Hours Required for the Option 36 hours

Option in Experimental Psychology: Board Certified Behavior Analyst

A. Core Courses			52 hours
PSY	6174	Special Topics in Psychology (repeated four times)	
PSY	6301	Psych Statistics	
PSY	6315	Applied Behavior Analysis	
PSY	6320	Current Perspectives in Physiological Psychology	
PSY	6330	Developmental Psychology	
PSY	6332	Research Design	
PSY	6340	Multicultural Mental Health	
PSY	6350	Behavioral Assessment	
PSY	6352	Personality Assessment	
PSY	6363	Contemporary Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology	
PSY	6365	Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum I (repeated 5 times)	
PSY	6367	Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum II	
PSY	6376	Directed Studies	

B. Electives			0 hours
No elective hours are required			

C. Thesis Requirement			6 hours
PSY	7370	Thesis I	
PSY	7372	Thesis II	

Total Hours Required for the Option 58 hours

All students must complete a comprehensive examination as part of the graduation requirements.

Course Descriptions

A listing of psychology graduate courses offered by the Department of Psychology and Anthropology can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog on Pages 235.

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Overview

UT Pan American offers interdisciplinary degree programs at the graduate level, including a Master of Arts in interdisciplinary studies.

Graduate courses available in anthropology enable graduate students to:

1. Complete a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in anthropology.
2. Take graduate anthropology courses as electives within other graduate programs.

Students pursuing either option are expected to meet with the anthropology coordinator or other anthropology faculty in order to develop a program of study.

This degree is structured as follows:

◆ Thesis Option

Eighteen hours in anthropology, including the thesis (concentration area).

Required Courses

ANTH 6345 Anthropological Method and Theory
ANTH 7300 Thesis
ANTH 7301 Thesis

Nine Hours in Discipline Two.

Nine Hours in Discipline Three.

◆ Non-Thesis Option

Eighteen hours in anthropology (concentration area).

Required Course

ANTH 6345 Anthropological Method and Theory

Nine Hours in Discipline Two.

Nine Hours in Discipline Three.

Graduate courses available in anthropology also enable graduate students to take anthropology courses as electives within other graduate programs, such as English or history.

Course Descriptions

A listing of anthropology graduate courses offered by the Department of Psychology and Anthropology can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog on Page 171.

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Graduate Program

The Department of Public Administration offers graduate study toward a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. The MPA is a professional preparation program for public service in governmental agencies at the federal, state, regional and local levels. The student must meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Pan American (see Page 17). Application for admission must be submitted online; the application is available at www.utpa.edu/gradschool. Once submitted, applicants can check the status of their applications online or by contacting the Graduate Office.

Degree Requirements

The MPA degree requires successful completion of 39 total graduate hours.

Program Continuation

When a grade of C or lower is received in three or more courses in the program (even if the course is repeated and a higher grade is received), a master's candidate is ineligible to continue in the program or to take the comprehensive examination.

Prerequisite

The students must take PUBA 6301 The Public Administration Profession. Students whose academic preparation in public administration or political science is deficient may be required to do additional leveling coursework before gaining clear admission to the program.

Core

Students will be required to take 18 hours of core courses. These include three hours covered by PUBA 6302 Graduate Seminar in Public Administration, and five other core courses in the five program areas recommended by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The five program areas and the five core courses are:

NASPAA		Area A-Political Social Economic Environment
PUBA	6305	Problems in State and Local Government
NASPAA		Area B-Public Policy Analysis
PUBA	6312	Policy Implementation and Program Evaluation
NASPAA		Area C-Managerial Processes
PUBA	6321	Public Personnel Administration
NASPAA		Area D-Analytical Tools
PUBA	6330	Scope and Methods in Public Administration

NASPAA		Area E-Individual-Group Organizational Behavior
PUBA	6341	Political Leadership: Decision Making and Management in Public Organizations

Designated Electives (specialization)

Students will then take 12 hours of courses supportive of study within the discipline. Courses may be taken from the five NASPAA program areas; six hours may be taken outside the department in approved graduate-level courses.

PUBA	6303	Ethics for Public Service
PUBA	6304	Intergovernmental Relations
PUBA	6307	The Politics of Scarcity
PUBA	6309	Introduction to Planning
PUBA	6311	Formulation of Public Policy
PUBA	6320	Public Finance Administration
PUBA	6322	Intro to Community Development
PUBA	6323	Management of Governmental Information Systems
PUBA	6327	Management of Nonprofit Organizations

Other Courses

Students who do not have work experience in public administration will be required to complete a three-hour internship. This course is PUBA 6325. (Students employed full time in the public sector may use their present position as the basis for their internship experience if they successfully take PUBA 6325.)

Each candidate for the MPA must successfully complete either a Thesis, PUBA 7300-7301 (six hours), or an Applied Research Grant Project, PUBA 7302-7303 (six hours), or take additional hours and the comprehensive written examination. Each student must successfully complete either the thesis or the applied research grant project by defending it publicly with the acceptance of the supervisory instructor and two additional reviewers.

Final Requirements

After a student has successfully completed the 39 hours, he or she becomes a candidate for the Master of Public Administration degree and must successfully complete a written comprehensive examination. The final comprehensive examination will be administered by a supervisory instructor and two additional faculty members.

Directed Courses

Students who prefer to neither write a thesis nor conduct an applied research grant project may take six additional hours of graduate courses as approved and pass a written comprehensive examination.

Course Descriptions

A listing of graduate courses offered by the Master of Public Administration Program can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog beginning on Page 238.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the graduate program of the Department of Sociology at The University of Texas-Pan American is to prepare students who complete our program with the knowledge and the technical expertise to be effective specialists, analysts and administrators in a variety of social settings, such as federal, state and local government agencies, school districts, community health and aging organizations, marketing firms and evaluation programs. The department offers a curriculum with strong emphasis on methods, statistics and theory that prepare students seeking to continue their studies to succeed in doctoral programs in sociology.

In order to accomplish our mission, the department pursues excellence in teaching, research and professional service, and provides students with research and classroom teaching experience. Our mission is consistent with the mission of the University.

General Overview

Candidates for the master's degree may choose a general sociology focus, a concentration on inequality and poverty (including Mexican-American society and border and inter-American issues), a concentration on health and aging (including such topics as health care research and analysis, health care systems, research methods) or a concentration on technical research and program evaluation.

Admissions Requirements

1. Meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Pan American (see Page 17), as well as the other requirements listed below. Application for admission must be submitted online; the application is available at www.utpa.edu/gradschool. Once submitted, applicants can check the status of their applications online or by contacting the Graduate Office.
2. Have had at least 15 undergraduate hours in sociology or demonstrated competence from equivalent coursework in similar liberal arts discipline.
3. Submit a letter of intent and a completed application.
4. Have submitted two letters of recommendation from individuals who are qualified to judge the students academic and professional development.

Note: Students not meeting these requirements may be admitted on a conditional basis and will need to meet any conditions indicated by the graduate adviser.

Degree Requirements

To receive the Master of Science degree in sociology, a candidate must complete a total of 36 hours of graduate study, including 15 hours of core requirements. The writing of a thesis is optional for receiving the degree. Students choosing the thesis option are required to complete 36 hours of graduate study, including 15 hours of core requirements and six hours of thesis.

Core Courses

SOCI 6300	Graduate Statistics
SOCI 6301	Graduate Social Theory
SOCI 6302	Graduate Quantitative Methods
SOCI 6303	Graduate Qualitative Methods
SOCI 6304	Graduate Research Analysis

Designated Electives

Select 21 hours of electives, six of which may be thesis hours.

Other Electives

Students may select three to six hours of approved graduate electives from other disciplines.

Sequencing of Core Courses

It is estimated that the master's program in sociology can be completed in four semesters for students who are enrolled full time in the program (nine semester credit hours per semester) and four semesters and two summer terms for part-time students. Based on the four semester model to complete the graduate degree, we suggest that students organize the coursework along the following time line: The first semester of graduate work is left open for students to make up deficiencies or take electives. During the second semester, students can take Sociology 6300 and 6301. During the third and fourth semesters, students can take Sociology 6302, 6303 and 6304. Part-time students are strongly encouraged to complete their degrees along this time line by enrolling in two summer school terms (first and second year of graduate work) for a total of six hours each term.

In addition to a general sociology program, the department offers three possible areas of concentration:

Social Inequality
Health and Aging
Applied Research and Program Evaluation

Course Descriptions

A listing of graduate courses offered by the Department of Sociology can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog on Page 242.