## Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's in Experimental Psychology

 Accelerated students take 6 to 9 graduate credits that also count towards their undergraduate degree. For more information, see the accelerated programs website: <u>Accelerated Programs |</u> <u>Towson University</u>

### Benefits of accelerated program:

- Cost savings: Students are billed at the undergraduate rate while in the accelerated program.
- Opportunity to try out graduate courses and demonstrate readiness for graduate program.
- May reduce the number of semesters in the graduate program, but students still need to complete a first-year project and thesis.

# **Accelerated Program Screening Process for Experimental Psychology**

- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must have completed PSYC 212 and PSYC 314 or PSYC 213 and PSYC 313 with grades of B or higher.
- Should have completed some research experience (e.g., directed research, serving as a research assistant).
- Students should submit screening materials at least 60 days before the semester in which they would like to begin enrolling in graduate level courses.
- Students should email the program director an unofficial transcript, a statement of interest (describe your interest in the program, research interests and experience, and professional goals), and contact information for two faculty who are willing to provide references. Email this information to experimentalpsyc@towson.edu
- Students should also meet with their undergraduate advisor to make sure they will have room in their schedule for graduate courses while also fulfilling undergraduate requirements.

Screening materials will be reviewed by the experimental psychology admissions committee. Students who are screened into the accelerated program will still need to apply for admission to the graduate program.

#### **Possible Courses for Accelerated Students**

# Courses that count as electives in EXPY

500-level PSYC courses (e.g., Motivation, Psychopharmacology) if the student has not taken the same course at the undergraduate level.

### Courses that are required in EXPY

PSYC 674 Advanced Biological Psychology (student should have taken an undergraduate course in the biological psychology content area first).

PSYC 682 Advanced Social Psychology (student should take undergraduate Social Psychology first). PSYC 680 Advanced Cognitive Psychology (student should take undergraduate Cognitive Psychology first).

Contact experimentalpsyc@towson.edu to ask questions or to set up an informational meeting.