

PREREQUISITE INFORMATION

Q. WHAT CLASSES CAN I SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REQUIRED PREREQUISITES?

A. Social Psychology- Nothing can be substituted for Social Psychology; this class provides a great deal of background information that students are expected to have when they enter the program.

Educational Psychology/Behavior Modification- You can take any class that addresses principles of operant learning and behavior modification. Some examples include: Behavior Management, Behavior Theory, Applied Behavior Analysis.

Behavioral Statistics- This must be a statistics course, preferably designed for psychology and/or social science majors. Statistics courses taken through a math department might be appropriate at the Program Director's discretion.

Abnormal Psychology- Another common course title that fulfill this requirement is "Psychopathology." To fulfill this requirement, a course must review the major categories of psychiatric disorders as described in the DSM-V.

Experimental Psychology- This should be a research course with a lab component. Experimental Design and Research Design courses also fulfill this requirement.

Developmental Psychology- Any developmental course dealing with child development or development across the lifespan will be accepted. Some of these include: Child Development, Adolescent Development, Human Development, and Development Across the Lifespan.

***If you are unsure whether a course would count for one of the requirements, e-mail our graduate assistants and include a course description and/or attach a syllabus.*

Q. CAN I TAKE CLASSES AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO COVER MY PREREQUISITES FOR THE PROGRAM?

A. Yes, you can take classes at any accredited university or college in order to complete your prerequisites required for acceptance into the program.

Q. WHAT IF I AM MISSING PREREQUISITES- WILL I STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INTERVIEW AND BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

A. If you are missing only one prerequisite, you will be given equal consideration for an interview as those applicants who have all prerequisites completed. If you are missing two or more, you may have less chance of getting an interview. In this situation, please include an explanation of how you will complete the prerequisites prior to beginning the program if you were to be accepted.

Q. WHAT IF I WILL BE TAKING ONE OR MORE PREREQUISITES DURING SPRING SEMESTER OF THE YEAR I AM APPLYING?

A. Please include this information in your letter of intent or in a separate note so that we are aware of this. If you plan to take one or more courses in the spring, you will get credit for those prerequisites contingent upon receiving a C or better in the course.

Q. IF I AM ACCEPTED, CAN I TAKE MY MISSING PREREQUISITES WHEN I START THE PROGRAM IN THE FALL?

A. You must complete all prerequisites before starting the program unless specific arrangements have been made with the program director.