

Instructions for Writing a Personal Statement for the MS in Psychology Program

When preparing your personal statement for the Master of Science in Psychology program, please address the following key elements. Your statement should be written in clear, professional language, and organized by using the following bolded items as headings in your statement.

Relevant and Professional Experience

- Summarize your academic background in psychology or related fields. Discuss any experiences that have prepared you for graduate study in psychology, such as relevant coursework, research, teaching, or practical/clinical experiences.
- Optional: You may include any personal experiences or challenges that have shaped your academic journey. If applicable, address any gaps or inconsistencies in your academic record.

Career Goals

- Outline your professional goals and how earning an MS in Psychology will help you achieve these goals.
- If known, indicate whether you plan to pursue a doctoral degree, obtain a specific credential (e.g., Board Certified Behavior Analyst or BCBA, Limited License Psychologist or LLP), or apply your training in another setting.

Interest in the Program and Intended Program Track

- Explain why you are applying to the [MS in Psychology program](#).
- Specify which track(s) you are interested in: Experimental or Behavior Analysis. Indicate more than one track, if applicable. Briefly relate your choice to your interests and goals.
 - Learn more about the tracks [here](#).

Faculty Interests

- Identify any [faculty members](#) whose research or clinical work aligns with your interests. You can list more than one.
- Explain why you are interested in working with them and how their expertise relates to your goals.

Additional Information (Optional)

- Optional: Provide any additional information you believe should be considered by the department Graduate Programs Committee

We look forward to learning more about you through your personal statement!