

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: GENERAL CONCENTRATION

This document presents the basic overview of the curriculum for the Psychology MS General concentration. Please refer to the full program manual for more details.

A. CORE CLASSES – BOTH CONCENTRATIONS

Students in either concentration must complete the same set of core program courses described below.

Course Number	Name	Credits
PSYC 510	Pro Seminar	3
PSYC 530	Ethics and Professional Standards of Practice	3
PSYC 580	Statistical Methods in Health Psychology I	3
PSYC 581	Statistical Methods in Health Psychology II	3
PSYC 528	Experimental Design	3
*PSYC 599	Research & Thesis	6 (total)

*Note – Students may take between 1 and 6 credits of PSYC 599 during their thesis work to best fit their schedule and tuition cost needs. All students must complete **a total of 6 PSYC 599 credits prior to graduation** which can be done in any combination.

In addition to the core classes above students on the general concentration must also complete at least **four** elective courses which can be satisfied by any 3-credit psychology course at the 500 level or above. See Appendix C for a full list of psychology courses that can fulfill this requirement. **The minimum number of credits to complete the general concentration is 33.**

Example General Concentration Schedule

Fall 1

Spring 1

PSYC 580 Statistical Methods in Health Psychology I	3hrs.	PSYC 581 Statistical Methods in Health Psychology II	3hrs.
PSYC 510 Pro-seminar	3hrs.	PSYC 528 Experimental Design	3hrs.
PSYC 530 Ethics	3hrs.	*PSYC 512 Human Growth & Devt.	3hrs.

Fall 2

Spring 2

PSYC 599 Research & Thesis	3hrs.	PSYC 599 Research & Thesis	3 hrs.
*PSYC 517 Advanced Psychopathology	3 hrs.	*PSYC 527 Personality Theory	3 hrs.
*PSYC 532: Diagnosis/ Treatment of Substance Abuse	3hrs.		

*Classes marked with an asterisk are examples of elective classes in the example schedule above. See a full list of graduate elective options in the Psychology department below. Elective from other departments may also be used in some cases so long as they are graduate level (i.e., 500 or higher in number) and **you receive permission from your program advisor (i.e., Dr. West – sawest@vsu.edu – for general MS students).**

Possible Electives (General Concentration Students)

Course Number	Name	Credits
PSYC 508	Psychotherapy I: Theories of Psychotherapy	3
PSYC 512	Human Growth & Development	3
PSYC 513	Educational Psychology	3
PSYC 514	Experimental Social Psychology	3
PSYC 515	Cognitive and Affective Psychology	3
PSYC 517	Basic Psychopathology	3
PSYC 519	Psychotherapy II: Techniques	3
PSYC 520	Psychological Assessment I	3
PSYC 521	Psychological Assessment II	3
PSYC 527	Personality Theory	3
PSYC 532	Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Abuse	3
PSYC 533	Introduction to Neuroscience	3
PSYC 597	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 598	Special Topics in Psychology	3