

THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Transfer Credit

Transfer credits will be approved by the advisor. Two copies of official transcripts recording the transfer must be sent directly from the registrar of that institution to the Office of Graduate Studies. No course credit may be transferred unless the grade received was at least a "B." If approved, a student may transfer a maximum of six semester hours of approved graduate credit from an accredited institution.

Correspondence courses are not accepted as transfer graduate credit.

Thesis, Thesis Defense and Oral Exams

The student will meet with an advisor to explore a master's thesis topic and design a suitable project. A formal proposal, the format of which is to be determined by the advisor, will be written and presented before the graduate faculty. Following completion of the project, a defense of the thesis project will be conducted before the graduate faculty. Oral examinations, generally conducted at the end of a program, will be conducted on a date agreed upon by the student and graduate faculty. Students failing the thesis defense or oral examinations will be assigned additional academic activities that will satisfy the requirement by the graduate faculty.

Clinical Internship

Students choosing to complete a clinical internship can, in consultation with an advisor, choose among numerous internships that are available throughout the Billings area. These internships, established through a long history of cooperation between the Department of Psychology and local agencies, provide students with professionally-supervised training opportunities, off campus research associations, and practical experience in assessment. Potential internship sites include an inpatient psychiatric center, a community mental health center, a prison pre-release center, and residential and day-treatment centers for children and adolescents.

- Psychology Master of Science (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/departments-psychology/ms-psychology/>)
- Psychology Bachelor of Science/Psychology Master of Science Accelerated Option (3+2) (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/departments-psychology/bs-psychology-ms-psychology-3-2-option/>)