

# Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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## MA in Psychology

A candidate for the MA degree in psychology is required to complete 21 graduate credit hours in addition to nine thesis hours. The student must complete PSYC 301 and PSYC 302 and at least three graduate courses in the field of specialization. The remainder of the requirements can be chosen from other graduate-level courses in the department or in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, according to the student's interest and with the consent of the adviser.

**PSYC 301                      Research Methods and Statistical Analysis I                      3.0; 3 cr.**  
An advanced course in research design for the psychological sciences. The course covers experimental and non-experimental designs, as well as issues in cross-cultural psychological research. *Annually.*

**PSYC 302                      Research Methods and Statistical Analysis II                      3.0; 3 cr.**  
An advanced course in statistical analyses for the social sciences. The course explores bivariate, multivariate and structural statistical analysis using SPSS the course combines both lecture and lab based sessions. *Annually.*

**PSYC 303                      Advanced Psychopathology I                      3.0; 3 cr.**  
A critical appraisal of western and indigenous approaches to abnormal behaviors including anxiety disorders, culture-bound syndromes, mood disorders, personality disorders, eating disorders, sexual disorders, cognitive disorders (e.g., Alzheimer's), schizophrenia, and substance-related disorders. *Prerequisite: PSYC 217. Annually.*

**PSYC 304                      Advanced Psychopathology II                      3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course on the critical examination of childhood disorders including the disruptive behavioral disorders, the various anxiety and mood disorders, and the pervasive development disorders. Focus is placed on diagnosis and etiology including environmental and neurobiological influences of childhood psychopathology. *Annually.*

- PSYC 305**            **Advanced Social Psychology**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
A critical survey of social-psychological theory and research, with special emphasis on cross-cultural variations, the course covers topics in social cognition and group processes. *Alternate years.*
- PSYC 307**            **Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course on the history and method of assessment, and specific diagnostic techniques. *Prerequisite: PSYC 217. Annually.*
- PSYC 309**            **Clinical Interventions I**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course on theories and practices of individual psychotherapy. Students will be exposed to the various empirically validated approaches to psychotherapy including cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic and interpersonal approaches. *Annually.*
- PSYC 310**            **Ethical and Professional Issues**            **3.0; 3 cr**  
The purpose of this course is to provide an in-depth-exploration of the ethical and professional issues in scientific and professional psychology generally, and clinical psychology in particular. Topics include confidentiality, informed consent, competence, integrity and social responsibility.
- PSYC 312**            **Clinical Interventions II**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course on theories and practice of psychotherapy with families, couples and children. Students will gain a broad theoretical understanding of the various approaches to conducting family and couples therapy, including the Bowenian, family systems, structural, strategic, solution-focused, behavioral and psychodynamic approaches. *Annually.*
- PSYC 313**            **Special Topics in Clinical Psychology**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
The topic varies from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit. *Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Alternate years.*
- PSYC 314**            **Psychopharmacology**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course on the principles of neuropharmacology, neurochemical systems, and the current medications used to treat psychological disorders, including psychotic disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, eating disorders, drug addictions, conduct disorders, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. *Annually*
- PSYC 315/317**        **Special Topics in General Psychology**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
The topic varies from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit. *Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.*
- PSYC 319**            **Graduate Tutorial in Psychology**            **3.0; 3 cr.**  
May be repeated for credit. *Prerequisites: graduate standing and consent of instructor. Annually.*
- PSYC 395A/395B**    **Comprehensive Exam**            **0 cr.**  
*Prerequisite: Consent of adviser.*
- PSYC 399**            **MA Thesis**            **9 cr.**  
*Annually.*

# MA in Sociology or Anthropology

A candidate for the MA degree in sociology or anthropology is required to complete 21 graduate credit hours in addition to a thesis. Sociology students must complete SOAN 300 and SOAN 312, and anthropology students must complete SOAN 300 and SOAN 310. Sociology students choosing a concentration in communication are also required to complete SOAN 313. The remainder of the requirements may be selected from other offerings in the department or in the FAS and other schools and faculties on campus, with the consent of the adviser and according to the interest of the graduate student.

**SOAN 300                      Graduate Research Methods                      3.0; 3 cr.**

An advanced course in the formulation of research problems, research designs, and techniques of data collection including quantitative and qualitative methods and micro versus macro approaches to social reality. Students participate in actual research projects and apply various techniques of data collection and analysis to interpret research findings. *Annually.*

**SOAN 310                      Seminar in Anthropological Theory                      3.0; 3 cr.**

An in-depth survey of the major theoretical developments in socio-cultural anthropology. The seminar focuses on both chronological treatment of issues and theories as well as the contributions of leading theorists. *Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor. Annually.*

**SOAN 312                      Seminar in Sociological Theory                      3.0; 3 cr.**

The seminar explores some of the enduring controversies and major developments in sociological theory critically. An effort is first made to elucidate the origins, strategies, and ideological antecedents and components of sociological theory. A special focus is placed on the reformulations of the classic tradition and recent post-modern and other promising directions. *Alternate years.*

**SOAN 313                      Seminar in Communication Theory and Research                      3.0; 3 cr.**

The seminar introduces the student to trends in mass communication research and theoretical approaches to the communication process and communication context (small group communication, media processing and effects, media and society, culture and communication). Focus is placed on contemporary communication theories that have emerged in the discipline since the 1950s. *Annually.*

**SOAN 314                      Seminar in Persuasion Theory and Practice                      3.0; 3 cr.**

The seminar deals with how individuals exercise influence through communication. It examines the appropriate boundaries of persuasion research, the impact of persuasive practices, and the dynamic nature of persuasion inquiry. The seminar conducts an interdisciplinary examination of research in a wide range of areas related to persuasion of interest to mass communication students, psychologists, and public health practitioners. *Occasionally.*

**SOAN 315                      Seminar in Middle Eastern Culture and Society                      3.0; 3 cr.**

A seminar on special aspects of research with emphasis on the cultural mechanisms and processes of change in pastoral, rural, or urban communities. This course includes presentation and analysis of field data on the Middle East. *Occasionally.*

**SOAN 316                      Seminar in Communication and Development                      3.0; 3 cr.**

A seminar on the role of communication in developing societies, with a focus on the media as modernizing agent, and on questions that are relevant for the understanding of the socioeconomic developmental process in less developed cultures. *Alternate years.*

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<b>SOAN 317</b>	<b>Seminar in Mass Media in the Modern Arab Society</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
A seminar on the political, social, and economic effects of the new communication technologies on modern Arab society. Special attention is given to the effects of cultural deviance in the media on children and the effects of the communication media on social and cultural change. <i>Alternate years.</i>		
<b>SOAN 318</b>	<b>Human Migration</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
A comparative study of the causes and effects of human migration worldwide. This course covers issues concerned with voluntary and forced migration as well as temporary labor migration and voluntary migration and resettlement, with an emphasis on the Lebanese experience. <i>Alternate years.</i>		
<b>SOAN 320</b>	<b>Graduate Tutorial in Anthropology</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
This, like other graduate tutorials in sociology and communication, is open to graduate students preferably during the second semester of the first year in their program of study. Tutorials provide opportunities for students to pursue directed readings and preliminary grounded research of relevance to their envisaged fields of concentration. <i>May be repeated for credit. Annually.</i>		
<b>SOAN 321</b>	<b>Graduate Tutorial in Sociology</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
<i>May be repeated for credit. Annually.</i>		
<b>SOAN 322</b>	<b>Graduate Tutorial in Communication</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
<i>May be repeated for credit. Annually.</i>		
<b>SOAN 323</b>	<b>Special Topics in Anthropology</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
This, like other special topics in sociology and communication, is devoted normally to SOAN faculty or visiting professors and recognized scholars to explore topics of current interest. May be repeated for credit. <i>Occasionally.</i>		
<b>SOAN 324</b>	<b>Special Topics in Sociology</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
<i>May be repeated for credit. Occasionally.</i>		
<b>SOAN 325</b>	<b>Special Topics in Communications</b>	<b>3.0; 3 cr.</b>
<i>May be repeated for credit. Occasionally.</i>		
<b>SOAN 395A/395B</b>	<b>Comprehensive Exam</b>	<b>0 cr.</b>
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of adviser.</i>		
<b>SOAN 399</b>	<b>Thesis</b>	<b>9 cr.</b>