



**Prerequisite Courses.** Undergraduate courses in selected areas are required with at least a "C" in each course and a GPA of at least 3.0 across all seven courses. Consult the CSUB Catalog to see whether you have completed equivalent courses.

Course Title	University	Course #	Term & Year	Grade
Introductory Statistics				
Research Methods				
Five additional upper division psychology courses:				
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5.				

**Honors and Awards.** List below any honors, awards, or scholarships you have received.

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**Previous Graduate Course Work.** List any graduate courses in psychology already taken which (a) demonstrate your ability to do graduate level work, and/or (b) might count toward a graduate degree. Include the course number, title, grade, and institution where the course was taken. **Please include OFFICIAL transcripts with your application.**

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**GRE General Test Scores.** Have your **official** GRE scores sent directly to the Department of Psychology at CSUB. No personal, unofficial copies will be accepted. List your scores below.

**Verbal:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Quantitative:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Analytical Writing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Letters of Recommendation.** Letters are required from three (or more) persons who can describe your academic performance, personal characteristics, and potential for graduate study. **At least two of these letters should be from college faculty who know you well.** Fill out the top part of the Recommendation Forms, give them to your referees, and provide them with envelopes. Instruct your referees to put letters and forms in the envelopes, seal them, put their signatures across the seal, and return them to you. **Submit them with your application.** List your referees and their affiliations here:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement.** Along with this application, please include a typed, 2-3 page personal statement. The Graduate Admissions Committee will give your statement significant weighting. Please address the following points:

- **Goals and Objectives:** Why are you interested in pursuing graduate education in psychology? Discuss the area of research in which you are most interested, specifically stating the types of topics that interest you. Also address your career plans and goals, and how your educational/research goals will contribute to your career plans. Include how your undergraduate experiences have prepared you for graduate study.
- **Previous Experience:** Describe any past and present experiences (e.g., professional, research, or teaching experience) directly related to graduate study in the Masters of Arts in Psychology program. If relevant, indicate length of employment, part- or full-time, and kind of work done. (Research experience is especially important for applicants with no prior lab coursework.)
- **Faculty Mentors:** Identify the faculty members you would be most interested in working with and why. The committee will attempt to match students with a faculty member whose research interests closely match the student's.

- List the three faculty members you would be most interested in working with on the lines below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print this form, and return it, official transcripts, your personal statement, and sealed letters of recommendation in ONE PACKAGE to the following address:

**Graduate Admissions Committee  
Department of Psychology  
California State University, Bakersfield  
24 DDH  
9001 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022**

We will notify you of receipt of your application. Thank you for your interest in our program. You will hear about the Committee's admission decisions by mid-May. Please remember that you must also apply for admission to California State University, Bakersfield in a separate process. Also, Financial Aid and Scholarship applications are separate applications and processes.