



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY, MAJOR IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Science in Psychology program prepares the student for professional practice in psychology, as well as for teaching, research, and consultancy in Philippine and Asian contexts.

The Social and Cultural Psychology major program provides students with specialized training in the theory and research on the role of socio-cultural factors in shaping human behavior and development. Special emphasis will be given to the epistemological and methodological issues for socio-cultural research and on the applications of social and cultural psychology perspectives to concerns related to gender, health, environment, politics, peace, business and economics, and other development issues in the Philippine setting.

The major is an ideal program of study for professionals in government and NGOs, business and industry, media, churches, and other agencies who want to develop a specialization in the analysis of social psychological processes in the cultural context of Philippine realities. The major is also ideal for scholars interested in the psychology of the Filipinos.

The student who graduates from the program may proceed to obtain a doctorate degree. The program should also be able to provide adequate preparation for organizational work especially in the area of social and community development. It is also possible for the student to carve out a career in the academe, i.e. in teaching and research.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Basic Courses	12 units
Major Courses	6 units
Elective Courses	12 units
Thesis	6 units
Total	36 units

BASIC COURSES

Psychological Statistics (PSY5000)

3 units

The course provides a general notion of statistical methods; collection and tabulation of data; graphic representation and frequency distributions; measures of central tendency and variability; probability and the normal curve; correlation; regression and prediction; testing differences between means; analysis of variance; analysis of covariance; selected multivariate methods, and nonparametric tests.

History and Philosophy of Psychology (PSY535M)

3 units

The course presents an overview of the major philosophical issues and theoretical approaches that led to the development of contemporary psychology. It also provides a historical background to the progress of psychology in the Philippine context, giving emphasis to the discipline and practice of industrial/organizational psychology.

Methods of Research (PSY5210)

3 units

The course is focused on quantitative and qualitative research methods appropriate to the study of behavior in the organizational setting. Emphasis is also given to procedures for the documentation of organizational and group processes.

Psychological Measurement (PSY5610)

3 units

The course reviews the uses of tests and various measures for recruitment and selection, training and development, and organizational development. It seeks to develop skills in the selection and evaluation, administration, scoring and interpretation of standardized tests and measures. It likewise provides an introduction to the use of projective techniques.

MAJOR COURSES

Cultural Psychology (PSY676M)

3 units

This is an introductory course to that field of psychology that seeks to undertake the study of culture in the mind. The course, through directed readings, will familiarize the student to the issues that led to a re-evaluation of investigations on culture and psychology. The field Cultural Psychology is to be defined and the methodology to be discussed.



Applied Social Psychology (PSY670M)

3 units

This course provides the opportunity to utilize the principles of social psychology in interpreting the behavior of the individual as a social being in events that relate to the issues that confront our society in contemporary times. An overview of social psychological areas of study will initially be undertaken. These areas will then be used in analyzing human behavior in the selected themes on aging, mental health, gender, leadership, conflict and its management, migration, and the environment.

Philippine Society and Culture (PSY677M)

3 units

Trends, patterns, and issues about or related to Philippine society and culture are discussed in the context of social cultural psychology.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Seminar in Social and Cultural Psychology (PSY815M)

3 units

The course will provide a venue for a discussion on personality functioning in cultural milieu. In studying how peoples' conceptions for their and others' selfhood is influenced by a culture's symbol systems, we may be able to participate in the development of an understanding regarding the ways by which the experience of selfhood is historically and culturally specific. The readings and discussion themes will center on the perspectives that allow for a conceptualization of the relationship between self and culture. Investigations undertaken that allow the observation of this relationship will likewise be reviewed.

Seminar in Applied Social Psychology (PSY817M)

3 units

Applications of the theories and frameworks of social cultural psychology to contemporary issues in various sectors of society are discussed.

Directed Readings in Cultural Psychology (PSY825M)

3 units

Readings of classical, important, and recent works in selected areas.

Directed Research in Psychology (PSY824M)

3 units

Supervised research preliminary to thesis research.

THESIS

Thesis (PSY851M)

6 units

Implementation and defense of supervised research.