The Psychology Department presently offers six master’s degree programs. Three programs lead to the Master of Arts in Psychology with concentrations in Developmental Psychology, Mind, Brain, and Behavior, and Social Psychology. The other three master’s programs lead to the Master of Science in Psychology with concentrations in Clinical, School, and Industrial/Organizational Psychology. All of these programs have been designed to meet specific academic needs and to qualify students for further study and/or vocational goals.

**The Application Process:**
There are two applications which must be completed simultaneously.

1) **The University application**: This must be filed with the Graduate Division. The University application can be obtained online at [http://www.csumentor.com/admissionapp/grad_apply.asp](http://www.csumentor.com/admissionapp/grad_apply.asp) questions regarding the University application can be directed to the Graduate Division (415) 338-2234.

2) **The Psychology Departmental application**: This must be filed with the Psychology Department. Departmental application forms can be obtained from the Psychology Office (Ethnic Studies & Psychology Building, Room 301) or at [http://bss.sfsu.edu/psych](http://bss.sfsu.edu/psych). All Application materials MUST be submitted together in ONE PACKET, NO EXCEPTIONS!!

**Departmental Application Filing Dates**

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**Send Department Application to:**
Graduate Secretary - (insert program’s name)
Psychology Department, EP 301
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132-4168

**Send University Materials to:**
Division of Graduate Studies
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue,
Administration Building, Room 250
San Francisco, CA 94132
Departmental Application Instructions

1. Download and Fill-out the Application:
The Psychology Department promotes a self-managed application process. In this process, the applicant is responsible for collecting and **submitting all required application materials together in ONE packet, NO EXCEPTIONS!!** This ensures a timely processing of materials.

2. Request THREE Letters of Recommendation:
*There are no forms available for letters of recommendation.* All candidates must submit three letters of recommendation from persons whom are acquainted with your academic qualifications and research and clinical experiences. Please request their **signature** across the sealed flap of the envelope. Shortly before the deadline, contact your references to ensure that the letters are ready for you to pick up and mail in, with the rest of your materials. (Letters from professors in courses that are closely related to the program to which you are applying are the most useful).

3. Official Transcripts:
Order a set of **official transcripts** from ALL of your undergraduate institution(s), including San Francisco State University, if applicable. (A second set of transcripts should be ordered for the University application, and sent to the Graduate Division.)

4. GPA Requirement:
The departmental application requires you to include your cumulative GPA from your degree granting undergraduate institution, and your GPA from all undergraduate coursework in psychology.

5. GRE Requirement:
All of the psychology programs require the “General” portion of the GRE. Request to have your **official GRE scores sent directly to the University**¹. To ensure you receive your scores in time for the application deadline, take the GRE test no later than the December prior to the deadline. For more information regarding the GRE visit [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

1⁰ Applicants to the School Psychology Program should include a hard copy of their GRE scores in their department application packet.

6. Also Include:
If you would like us to inform you when we receive your departmental application, you should also include a self-addressed postcard with a valid stamp.

7. Send A Complete Departmental Application
By regular mail directly to:

Graduate Secretary - (insert program’s name)
Psychology Department, EP 301
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132-4168

Applications **must be POSTED MARKED by February 1st No Exceptions!!**

**International Students**
Inquiries about specific University application procedures for international students should be directed to International Admissions at (415) 405-4005 or at Graduate Division, Prospective International Applicant’s website:
http://www.sfsu.edu/~gradstdy/main-international.htm
San Francisco State University

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION
FOR GRADUATE STUDY

IMPORANT! THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY. YOU MUST FILE A SEPARATE UNIVERSITY APPLICATION WITH THE GRADUATE DIVISION AT
http://www.csumentor.com/admissionapp/grad_apply.asp

Year Applying for: Fall 20____

Name: ____________________________________________
       (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Mailing Address: _______________________________________
       (Street Number) (Street Name) (City/State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone: ______________ Work Phone: ______________ last 4 digits of SS#________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR: Check one of the boxes. (Please note: You can only apply to ONE program a year)
□ M.A. Developmental □ M.A. Mind, Brain, and Behavior
□ M.A. Social □ M.S. Clinical □ M.S. Industrial/Organization
□ M.S. School

Graduate Record Examination General Test __________________________ Date Taken/Scheduled
       Verbal Percentile Quantitative Percentile Analytical Writing

Undergraduate Cumulative GPA (from degree granting institution): ______________

Psychology GPA (computed from undergraduate psychology coursework listed on next page): ______________

Have you applied to this department before? ______ If “yes”, semester and year: ______________
Are you a continuing graduate student at SFSU? ______ If “yes”, is your status: Classified__ Unclassified__
Date of enrollment: ___________________

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED
Print names and locations of all, with most recent first.

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PREVIOUS COURSEWORK IN PSYCHOLOGY
(Mind, Brain and Behavior applicants should list their experimental, research methods and statistics courses first).

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WORK EXPERIENCE
List paid or volunteer work experience relevant to your academic goals. You may attach a separate sheet.

Note: Applicants to the Clinical and School Program are required to also submit a current Curriculum Vitae (CV) with your application.

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PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION

Personal Statement

Please answer the questions for the graduate program in which you’re applying to, in an essay format. This essay portion of the departmental application should be typed, 12 point font, and double spaced (See page length limits below). Also, please include your last, first name and last four digits of your SS # on the top right hand corner.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY and SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (6-page limit)

In one essay please describe the following: What are your professional goals? In addition, we would like you to include an autobiography so that we can more clearly get to know you as a person. We hope that this attempt will produce a meaningful confrontation with yourself and that the process of doing so will be worth the effort. In responding, it is important that you take a careful psychologically-minded perspective of your attitudes, life and goals. Your statement will be a central factor in the evaluation of your total application. In addition to the essay which addresses the above points, please include in your application a current Curriculum Vitae (CV; i.e., academic resume).

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (6-page limit)

In one essay please describe the following: Aside from your interest in human development, what are your professional goals and how would completion of the graduate Developmental Psychology program at SFSU facilitate achieving them? Describe the area(s) of developmental psychology (e.g., cognitive, emotional, health) which you are most interested in and, briefly, how these interests emerged. What research, publication, work, volunteer, or other experiences have you had which are related to your current interests in psychology? What are your future educational and/or career goals? Please be specific. Describe what you might be doing after getting your Master’s degree. Our faculty is comprised of active researchers. Indicate which of the Developmental Psychology (or departmental) faculty you hope to work with and explain why.

INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (7-page limit)

In one essay please describe the following: Aside from making the workplace better, why specifically are you interested in the field of Industrial/Organizational Psychology? What areas of Industrial/Organizational Psychology are of interest to you and why? Please be specific. Describe any educational, work, volunteer, or other experiences you have that demonstrate your abilities in the following areas: (a) Ability to analyze complex problems and think about innovative and creative solutions; and (b) Ability to work independently, set priorities and meet deadlines, and sustain performance and motivation on long term projects. What, if any, work experience has prepared you for a career in I/O? Please be specific as to how and why it has prepared you. What are your areas of research interest and how do they align the research interests of our faculty? What are your future educational and/or career goals? Please be specific. Describe what you might be doing after getting your Master’s degree. What business trends do you think have the most potential for impacting the field of Industrial/Organizational Psychology and why?

MIND, BRAIN, & BEHAVIOR (6-page limit)

In one essay please describe the following: What are your professional goals and how would completion of the graduate Psychology program at SFSU facilitate achieving them? Describe the area(s) of psychology (Psychophysiological, Cognitive, Neuroscience, etc.) which you are most interested in and, briefly, how these interests developed? What research, publication, work, volunteer, or other experiences have you had which are related to your current interests in psychology? What would you say is the “mainspring” of your motivation as it applies to your academic and career goals? Our faculty is comprised of active researchers. Indicate which of the Mind, Brain, & Behavior (or departmental) faculty you hope to work with and explain why.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (5-page limit)

In one essay please describe the following: What are your professional goals and how would completion of the graduate program in Social Psychology at SFSU help you achieve those goals? What is the motivation that underlies your academic and career goals? Please summarize your principal areas of interest in Social Psychology. Please describe experiences (e.g., research, employment, volunteer activities) that relate to or have helped develop your current interests in Social Psychology. Please describe any additional research experience that you have in any area of Psychology. Our faculty is comprised of active researchers. Indicate which of the Social Psychology (or departmental) faculty you hope to work with and explain why.
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Recommendation for Graduate Study

(This section to be filled out by applicant)

NAME:_______________________________________________

ADDRESS:_________________________________________________________________________

PHONE #: __________________ APPLICATION TERM:___________________________

GRADUATE CONCENTRATION (circle one):

CLINICAL DEVELOPMENTAL I/O MBB SOCIAL SCHOOL

WAIVER

I, ______________________________, hereby waive my right to view this recommendation in the Psychology Department Office. My signature implies my compliance with the complete confidentiality of this recommendation.

______________________________________
Applicant’s Signature          Date

The Psychology Department would appreciate your evaluation of this applicant’s ability for graduate study in Psychology at San Francisco State University. Please feel free to attach a letter for the “GENERAL EVALUATION” portion.

How long have you known the applicant? _________________________
In what capacity? Teacher_____ Supervisor_____ Colleague_____ Other___________________

GENERAL EVALUATION:

Signature:__________________________________________ Date:______________________________________
Name:_____________________________________________ Institution:____________________________________
Position:___________________________________________ Phone:____________ E-mail:______________
To answer these questions, first identify the group to which you are comparing this applicant:
Your graduate students_____, undergraduate students_____ , or another group (specify)____________

Compare the applicant to this group and rank him or her in the following areas, understanding that “top 50%” means the applicant outranks 50% of the comparison group:

1. Based on grades, test scores, and any other indications how would you rank this student in academic ability?

   Applicant ranks Within the Top _____% 

   Comments:

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