**California State University, Chico**  
**MA Degree in Psychology: OPTION IN APPLIED/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**  

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**Program Application and Admission Information**

**Filing deadline:** February 17, 2020. Applications received by this date will be given full consideration.

Only completed applications will be considered. Admission is contingent upon approval by the Psychology Department and the Graduate School.

**Complete all of the following steps:**

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<td>The general graduate school application must be completed and submitted online via Cal State Apply: <a href="http://www.calstate.edu/apply">http://www.calstate.edu/apply</a></td>
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| 2    | Submit one official transcript from every college/university attended since high school (exception: Chico State graduates). Official transcripts must be received sealed in an original envelope from the issuing institution and be less than 2 years old. All official transcripts should be received by the application filing deadline and sent via postal mail to:  
**Office of Graduate Studies**  
California State University, Chico  
400 West First Street,  
Chico, CA 95929-0875 |
| 3    | Submit official test scores: either the General Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies to the CSU Chico Testing Office by the application filing deadline. **Allow at least two weeks for processing.** |
| 4    | Submit the following materials to the Psychology Graduate Program:  
A. Statement of Purpose  
B. Completed Graduate Programs in Psychology: Admissions Application (page 3)  
C. Application for Advancement to Classified Status (page 4, completed as much as possible)  
D. Three Recommendation Forms (page 5-7) and Letters:  
   i. At least one letter from a professor familiar with the quality of your work;  
   ii. If applicable, one letter from a supervisor or employer in either a clinical, research, or other work/volunteer environment;  
   iii. The third letter may be written by another professor, research supervisor, or by someone in the helping profession. |

These materials, specific to the Psychology Graduate Program, must be printed out and mailed by the application filing deadline, directly to our office via postal mail to the following address:  

**Graduate Coordinator**  
**Department of Psychology**  
California State University, Chico  
Chico, CA 95929-0234
Notification of Admission:

A. You will be contacted by e-mail regarding the status of your application. If accepted, the department may recommend that you be admitted as either a "conditionally classified" master's degree student (you have yet to complete some of the undergraduate prerequisites) or as a "classified" master's degree student (you have met all of the prerequisites).

B. If accepted, you are required to return the Notification of Acceptance form, sent to you with the acceptance letter from the department, indicating whether you intend to matriculate by the fall semester. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your position in the program; however, you may reapply the following year, if you choose.
Graduate Programs in Psychology – Admissions Application
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**Contact Information**
Name ________________________________ Home Phone (___) ________
Street ________________________________ Cell Phone (___) ________
City ________________________________ Email ____________________________
State _______ Zip Code ____________

**Higher Education History**
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Undergraduate GPA: Overall ____ Last 60 semester units ____ Last 30 semester units ____
Graduate GPA: Overall ____ Number of graduate units taken ____
Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Verbal ____ Math ____ Written/Essay ____ Date __________
Miller Analogy Test (MAT): Raw score ____ Date __________

**References**
List the names and positions of the three people you have asked to write letters of recommendation. Give each person one of the **Recommendation Forms** (pages 5-7) and have them send their letter with the form *directly* to the Psychology Department as indicated on the form.
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________

**Statement of Purpose**
Describe the process by which you became interested in pursuing school psychology. This statement should include educational (e.g., meaningful courses, projects and readings), professional (e.g., relevant work and/or volunteer experience), and personal experiences that contributed to your interests. What are the personality qualities, characteristics, and skills that will enable you to be successful in meeting the needs and/or challenges to the field of school psychology? Limit the length to two typewritten pages, single-spaced.

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## Application for Classified Status

**Name**

**Student ID**

**Address**

**Phone number**

Applying to:

- [ ] M.S. Marriage & Family Therapy
- [X] M.A. Applied PSY Option (PPS)
- [ ] M.A. Psychological Science Option

To be eligible to apply for classified status in the Department of Psychology, you must have completed the following undergraduate prerequisite courses (within the last ten years). Fill in the course number *(and title if taken elsewhere)*, grade and date each was completed.

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<th>Five courses total</th>
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**REMINDER:** All incoming students must complete these five courses prior to starting graduate classes in August. If you have not already taken each of these courses, submit your plan for completing any missing course(s) with your application. You will be required to provide transcripts that reflect passing grades in all prerequisites prior to enrolling in August.

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*Revision: September 14, 2019*
RECOMMENDATION FORM
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This part to be completed in advance by the applicant:

Evaluation of:

Last name ___________________________ First ___________________________ Middle ___________________________


Applicants have the right to inspect letters of recommendation. We believe letters written in confidence may be more useful, so we invite you to sign the following waiver. You may, however, expressly decline the waiver without prejudice to your application. Please check one of these two statements and sign your name.

☐ I expressly waive any rights I have to access this form and letter of recommendation.
☐ I do not agree to the above waiver.

Date: ___________________ Applicant’s signature: ___________________

This part to be completed by the referee:

To the Referee: Please do not complete this form unless the applicant has checked one of the waiver boxes and signed above. Complete this form and attach a separate letter of recommendation on your letterhead. In your letter, please consider the program to which the candidate is applying and address (1) in what capacity, for how long, and how well you know the applicant; (2) how well qualified you think she/he is to do master’s level work in that field, and (3) qualities that may not be explicit in the academic transcript and test scores, such as ability to do independent academic or research work, personal strengths and weaknesses, and professional promise.

How would you rank the applicant’s overall promise for the program to which he/she has applied?

Reference group (check one): Based on the reference group, this student is in the (circle one):

☐ Undergraduate senior students Lower 50%  ☐ Top 50%  ☐ Top 25%  ☐ Top 10%  ☐ Top 5%  ☐ Top 2%
☐ First year graduate students
☐ Other: ___________________

Assign a score of: 1 = weak, 2 = adequate, 3 = strong or N/I for no information for each of the following:

Understanding of psychological theory Writing skills Originality/Creativity
Professional ethics Oral communication skills Maturity/Reliability
Interpersonal skills Flexible (receptive to feedback)

Name (printed): ___________________________ Position: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
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