California State University, Chico
MA Degree in Psychology: **OPTION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE**

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 General Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (GRE) scores. Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency 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 from professors familiar with the quality of your academic work |

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
MA Degree in Psychology: OPTION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Contact Information
Name ___________________________________________ Home Phone (________)
Street ___________________________________________ Cell Phone (________)
City ____________________________________________ Email _______________________________________________
State ________ Zip Code ________________

Higher Education History
College/University __________________ Location __________________ Degree/Date awarded ________________
Major(s), Minor(s), Field ____________________________________________________________
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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
Write a Statement of Purpose about your professional and personal goals. Limit the length to two typewritten pages, single-spaced. Include:
A. A brief description of your background and past experiences that you feel are relevant to your interest in this program.
B. Area(s) or topic(s) in psychology that interest you for research and study.
C. Your career goals and reasons for applying to the Psychological Science program.

Please print out, complete, and return this page, with the other required documents listed on page 1, to:

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Application for Classified Status

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. Complete as much as possible.

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<th>Or number and title of equivalent upper-division course (include the univ/college where course was taken)</th>
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A. Research Methods for PSYC (equivalent can be lower-division)
   - PSYC 261

B. Statistics for PSYC
   - PSYC 364

For classified status, the above two courses in research methods and statistics are required. Additionally, three upper-division content courses, which together cover three of the areas shown on the right, are required. List three courses, each one from a different area. The first row shows an example of how to complete this list.

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REMINDER: Incoming students who meet these prerequisites may be admitted with Classified Status into a Graduate Psychology degree program. Students admitted as Conditionally Classified (who have yet to meet these prerequisites) may apply for Advancement to Classified Status upon completing these requirements, usually near the end of their first semester.

Please print out, complete, and return this page, with the other required documents listed on page 1, to the address on page 1 of this application.
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):**
- □ Undergraduate senior students
- □ First year graduate students
- □ Other: _______________

**Based on the reference group, this student is in the (circle one):**
- Lower 50%
- Top 50%
- Top 25%
- Top 10%
- Top 5%
- Top 2%

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

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Name (printed): ______________ Position: ______________

Address: ______________

Referee’s signature: ______________ Date: ______________

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Department of Psychology

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