MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY
MAJOR IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

The MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY, Major in Developmental Psychology is a graduate thesis program of the department of psychology for students who wish to go through substantive training in developmental psychology. Bearing in mind the diversity of the field, the student receives adequate preparation through an intensive life span approach in scholarly research and actual field practice. This includes fulfilling one’s academic requirements, passing his or her comprehensive exams, and defending his or her thesis.

The students are required to present a written research work or thesis, before being granted a degree. The student is required to start on her/his thesis immediately after passing her/his comprehensive examinations. After which, the student chooses a mentor (thesis adviser) to guide him/her throughout the research process, including the thesis proposal and thesis defense. The program is also designed for those who desire to be professionals in assessment and evaluation, therapy and program development, research, and assessment in developmental psychology. Its emphasis is on training skilled developmental psychologists who can contribute and help people, particularly families in normative or difficult circumstances.

Program Objectives:
The program seeks to develop psychologists who are:
1. Proficient in the basic concepts and major theories in developmental psychology using the life span approach and integrating these learned concepts in his or her research and practice.
2. Prepared and goal driven to engage in psychological practice through assessment and evaluation, therapy and program development.
3. Equip to undertake published research in developmental psychology.
4. Eligible for the professional licensure exam and certification as a specialist in developmental psychology.
5. Sensitive in recognizing problems and issues related to human development and responsive to people across the developmental lifespan.

UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITES (14 units)

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CORE SUBJECTS (10 units)

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REQUIRED DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBJECTS (12 units)

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Elective /Cognates Tracks

**ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION TRACK (6 units)**
- PY 228 Advanced Psychological Assessment I 3
- PY 229 Advanced Psychological Assessment II 3
- PY 221 Special Topics in Psychology 3

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRACK (6 units)**
- SPED 202 Curriculum Programming for Children with Special Needs 3
- PY 231 Program Development for the Children 3
- PY 221 Special Topics in Psychology 3
- PY 232 Program Development for the Elderly 3

**THERAPY TRACK (6 units)**
- PY 215 Advanced Abnormal Psychology* 3
- PY 233 Play Therapy 3
- PY 206 Counseling Psychology and Psychotherapy* 3
- PY 234 Trauma Assessment and Recovery 3
- PY 221.4 Introduction to Hypnotherapy 3
- PY 207 Marriage and Family Therapy 3
- PY 211 Group Therapy 3
- PY 221.1 Couples Therapy 3
- PY 212 Therapeutic Intervention for Children & Adolescents 3
- PY 221 Special Topics in Psychology 3

* Identified courses prerequisite for licensure in psychology.
+ Identified courses for specialization in developmental psychology.

**FREE ELECTIVES (6 units)**
OR ANY OF THE SUBJECTS LISTED BELOW or ANY OTHER COURSE APPROVED BY ADVISER:

**Other Academic Requirements**
The student is required to pass a written comprehensive examination and pass his or her thesis after completing all academic requirements.

- PY 222 Comprehensive Exams 0
- PY 223 Field Practicum 3
- PY 224 Thesis Writing 3
- PY 230-2 Oral Defense of Thesis 3

**Total number of Units** 37