

Psychology

University of Macau



2019 Prospectus

Welcome from the Head of the Department

Ranked 10th in Asia and 151-175 in the world by THE World University Rankings 2019, we are a group of active researchers with diverse interests in psychology. Our expertise spans across developmental, cognitive, social, and evolutionary psychology, as well as applied disciplines in organizational psychology, clinical psychology, and global mental health. Some of our current research focuses include reading and language acquisition, perceptual and cognitive development, cross-cultural and social cognition, interpersonal relations and social dynamics, personality and attitudes, child development and life history, autism, attention deficit hyperactivity, addictions, trauma, AIDS care, subjective well-being and positive psychology. With these diverse research backgrounds, this department provides solid education in psychology to undergraduate psychology majors, minors, and nonpsychology students. Psychology is one of the most popular undergraduate majors (ranked 4th in the USA by the NCES survey and 2nd in the UK according to the UCAS data and is among the fastest growing disciplines in China), partially because of its versatility in preparing students for wide-ranging career options. We prepare students for both applied and research-based careers in and out of psychology, such as human resource management, public relations, marketing, management, counseling, consulting, and education, and government and NGO works. Preparing for research careers, some of our graduates have been admitted to graduate schools at prestigious institutions worldwide (e.g., University of Toronto, UC San Diego, to name just a few). We also offer applied master's and research PhD degrees in psychology. Our PhD students are trained to be rigorous researchers who work with faculty members on cutting-edge research. In this fastest developing and most exciting moment of our university, I encourage eligible students to apply for our undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and I especially extend invitations to international students from Asia and all over the world to apply to our degree programs. Please visit our Global Affairs Office for information on international student admission and scholarship.



**Prof. Chang Lei,
Chair Professor and
Head of Department
of Psychology**

Why Study Psychology at UM?



Rank 10th in
Asia (2019)

Rank 151-
175 in the
World (2019)

Comprehensive
curriculum
preparing
students for
graduate study
overseas

Small group
study/career
advice by faculty
members

Labs and
equipment to
provide first-hand
research
experience

Psychology is life. It's amazing how such knowledge equips one with an extraordinary and useful lens to see the world.

Mark Lai (2011 graduate / Assistant Professor at University of Southern California)



Bachelor Programme

Our faculty members graduated from different parts of the world, bringing diversity, expertise and stimulation

We put emphasis on research and encourage our students to take part in collaborative team research work

The Program has changed the way I understand the world, which makes me flexible in solving problems in work and life.

Mankonis U (2009 Graduate / Entrepreneur)



Bachelor Programme

The Bachelor of Social Sciences in Psychology programme

Psychology (66 credit units)

General Education (24 credit units)

Language and Skills (15 credit units)

Community & Peer Education (3 credit units)

Free Electives (24 credit units*)

**Under Review (it may be reduced to 12 credit units)*

It was great for me to choose psychology. The power of psychology enabled me to touch the lives of people when they have difficulties. It makes me feel like I have a great purpose in life.

Virginia Cheang (2007 Graduate / Counselor)



Bachelor Programme

Year 1 Psychology Courses

Introduction to Psychology
Psychology Statistics I

Year 2 Psychology Courses

Life Span Developmental Psychology
Sensation and Perception
Cognitive Psychology
Social Psychology
Personality Psychology
Psychology Statistics II



Year 3 Psychology Courses

Abnormal Psychology
Cultural Psychology
Biological Psychology or Neuropsychology
Three Psychology Elective Courses

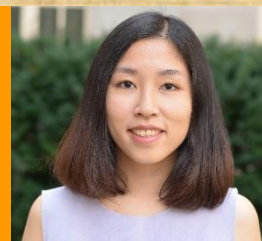
Fourth Academic Year Core

Research Project
Six Psychology Elective Courses



I love my undergraduate experience in psychology at UM! My professors were very caring and the classes were very interesting and engaging! I still miss it!

Grace Mak (2012 Graduate / Clinical Psychologist)



Bachelor Programme

Psychology Elective*

Close Relationships
Psychology of Addiction
Community Psychology
School Psychology
Psychology of Leadership
Consumer Psychology
Advertising Psychology
Cyberpsychology
Engineering Psychology
Evolution, Human Nature and Behaviour
Health Psychology
Psychology of Aging
Psychology of Learning and Motivation
Experimental Psychology
Selected Topics I
Selected Topics II

*the offering of elective courses depend on resource and enrollment number



Psychology Electives*

Field Experience
Clinical Psychology
Organizational Psychology
Global Mental Health
Intelligence and Creativity
Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
Positive Psychology
Psychology of Judgment and Decision Making
Social Cognition
Cognitive Development
Great Ideas in Psychology
Introduction to Psychological Assessment
Psychology of Testing

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The variety of psychology courses offered at UM allowed me to explore my own interests in the field. The inspiration I got led me to pursue a PhD degree in Psychology.

Jasmine Chio (2007 graduate / Assistant Professor at Hong Kong Shue Yan University)



Career Prospect

The psychology degree at UM equips students with social, analytical and practical skills, which lead to further postgraduate study or a wide range of careers.

Our graduates also go on to postgraduate study in

- Educational Psychology
- Organization Psychology
- Counseling Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Psychometric
- Development Psychology
- And others

Our graduates works in a wide range of careers

- School Counseling
- Management
- University Administration
- Government Administration
- Human Resources
- Customer Service
- Teaching
- And others

Studying psychology is a pleasant experience, for it's not far away from life. It makes me understand people better and seldom complain. Professors here respect students and truly think for us.

Becky SUN (2011 Graduate / Human Resources Management)



Exchange Program

Exchange Program

Our students can apply for FSS exchange programmes and the Global Affairs Office exchange programmes.

It's an experience that broadens your mind, adds to your experience and influences your future.

Jojo Lam



To cooperate with people from all over the world, I enjoy the exchange of ideas because of individual and cultural differences, which broaden my horizon, and expand my personal as well as international perspectives.

Kathine Cheong



The best teacher is the experience, the best classroom is the world.

Tina Tao



By meeting people from different countries and cultures, I learned to consider the world from varied perspectives.

Sophia Du



Career Planning and Graduate Study

Career Planning

Student Affairs Office provides workshops on career planning and internship opportunities to enhance students' career development skills

Graduate Study

Student Affairs Office provide ITLES, GMAT, GRE preparation courses and further study workshops

Mentoring

Psychology Professors routinely organizes small-group gatherings to discuss further study and career plan

Joining a research group in UM helped me in ways that I didn't know it could - I had a mentor who guided and empowered me, and I was in a group where we could bounce ideas off of each other. Research experience is vital for higher education, and I'm glad to have been part of a research group that prepared me, as well as opens up possibilities for me, for my future study.

Cheila Alexis (2018 Graduate)

The Psychology department of the University of Macau is truly an outstanding place for those who love psychology. I met great teachers here who have helped me know myself better and changed my life.

Ming Yin (2018 Graduate / PhD student at University of Nottingham)

The research training I received at UM prepared me lots of transferable skills that are crucial for grad programs, like hands-on experience of data-analyzation and designing a rigorous study that are potentially publishable.

Xinqi Guo (2018 Graduate / PhD student at UC San Diego)

The psychology training in University of Macau had provided me with not only a solid foundation of professional knowledge but also abundant opportunities to engage in meaningful research work guided by experienced mentors.

Sammy Yang (2018 Graduate / PhD student at Columbia University)

PhD Program

The discipline of psychology is one of the most popular and one of the most needed areas of study around the world.

Our goal is to meet this need through the offering of advanced psychological training to develop the talents of individuals.

PhD Supervisors and Research Areas



Program Information



UM and the department ensured that I have the support, space, funding, and access to the resources I needed, which allowed me to pursue several opportunities that have come my way.

Jose Antonio R. Clemente (2017 Graduate/ Associate Professor, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines)



Education involves tapping into the individual's resources—intelligence, creativity, resilience—and providing opportunities and challenges for them to realize their own potential. This was my experience with my mentor at UM.

Mary Angeline Daganzo (2018 Graduate)



I had a great time at University of Macau. My supervisors are my life-time mentors. Come and join this inspiring program!

Yuan Yuan Wang (2015 Graduate/ Lecturer in Psychology, De Montford University, U.K.)



International Student

Why Macau?

Macau is located in the south of China, neighbouring the city of Hong Kong and Zhuhai

Having experienced an era of Portuguese colonialization and the massive economic boom in the first decade of 21st century, Macau has transformed itself into a metropolitan city of historical, cultural and economic significance.



Application Requirement

- Grade 12 / Form 6 or equivalent graduates (e.g., academic transcripts; public examinations results)
- Qualifications that are acceptable for admission to bachelor's programme in universities outside Macao (e.g. Copies of official offer letter issued by a university)
- English requirement (TOFEL, IELTS, or IGCSE)



To Apply

<https://reg.um.edu.mo/admission/>



2nd in the world
COMPARED WITH
UNIVERSITIES IN
PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING
COUNTRIES AND
REGIONS

47th in Asia
THE 2018
Asia University
Rankings

5th in the world
THE 2019
International Outlook

60th in the world
THE 2018
Young University
Rankings

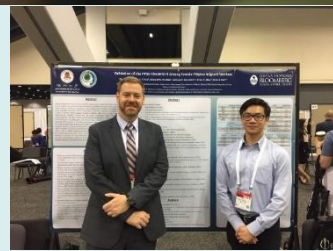
| Method Teaching content | Inside classroom | Outside classroom |
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| Specific, in-depth | Discipline-specific education | Research and internship education |
| | General education | Community and peer education |
| General, extensive | | |

Student Activity at UM



The Psychology program in the University of Macao exposed me to both field application and research in psychology, and the time spent working in the Global and Community Mental Health Research Group in the University of Macao has equipped me with the necessary skills to continue pursuing a graduate career in psychological research in the future..

Paul Yip (2018 Graduate)



Campus Facilities



Residential Colleges

<https://rc.um.edu.mo/>



Retails and Dining

<https://fds.cmdo.um.edu.mo/retai>



Sports

<https://www.um.edu.mo/osa/en/index.html>



I really liked the broad focus of the programme in UM. Rather than just learning facts, you delved into discussions and challenged your thinking and thus developed your knowledge. I would say I really feel it gives me a great basis for graduate study in Sweden.

Rebecca SUN (2015 Graduate)

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