

Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences
5th-Year Master's Degree and Concurrent Baccalaureate/Master's Degree in Cognitive Science or Psychology (April, 2016)

All Master's degree in Cognitive Science or Psychology issued by the department have parallel requirements:

- ▶ One year of full-time residency at Brown (8 tuition units);
- ▶ Satisfactory completion of five regular courses including at least one graduate-level methodology or statistics course, the two core-course graduate sequence, and at least two substantive topic area courses. Students can sign up for a variable number of credits of CLPS2096 Directed Graduate Research using their advisor's section number to ensure that they obtain 8 units of course credit. Students are encouraged to take all courses for credit and are expected to get at least a B in every course.
- ▶ A Master's thesis approved by a committee of at least 3 faculty (chaired by an advisor from CLPS).
- ▶ A satisfactory oral defense of the thesis.

These requirements do not supersede any additional requirements imposed by the college or the graduate school.

The areas in which the CLPS Department can offer Master's level education include:

- Behavioral Neuroscience/Comparative Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Human Cognition including Higher-level Cognition
- Perception including Perception and Action
- Psycholinguistics and Language Processing
- Social Psychology

To apply:

Research advisor and project. The first step is to secure a research advisor who is committed to mentor you throughout the year and with whom you can plan a research project. This mentor will have to write a letter in support of your application. Your research project will lead to a research paper that serves as your Master's thesis. This paper is due on April 1 and will be evaluated by your advisor and two other faculty members. This committee will provide feedback on the paper, and after revisions you will submit a final version by May 1 of the year you intend to graduate.

Coursework. Your course work plan must include 5 courses including the department's 2 core courses. Thus, you must choose a graduate-level methodology or statistics course, that might or might not be a course offered by CLPS. In addition, you must identify two courses that will deepen your knowledge in your chosen area, courses that will complement your research project. The college allows 2 courses to be transferred from your undergraduate record. These transfer courses can be counted towards the 8 tuition units required by the university; they cannot be used to satisfy the program's 5-course requirement.

To apply, make sure the following are submitted to the Graduate Advisor of the program you are applying for:

- A two-page research project plan stating which faculty member has agreed to advise the project, who potential committee members are, what you intend to do, how you will obtain the resources to do it, and how you will accomplish the work in the time allotted. If the project involves testing human or animal participants, comment on the IRB or IACUC status of the work.
- A course work plan listing the 3 courses (other than the core course sequence) you will take to fill out the course requirements.
- A letter of support from your research advisor.
- Students applying to the Concurrent Baccalaureate/Master's program should also include a copy of a Concurrent Bachelor and Master's Degree Program Breadth Requirement Worksheet.

The application deadline is May 1 of the year the student wishes to enter the program. Note that applicants for the 5th year program must be enrolled Brown University undergraduates at the time of application. It is strongly recommended that students identify an advisor well in advance and contact the Director of Graduate Studies in the CLPS Department to ensure that all parts of the application are in place.

Start your application online on the Graduate School portal (<https://www.applyweb.com/browng/>). The final decision is made by the CLPS graduate advisors. Please note that neither the department nor the Graduate School provides funding for a 5th-year or Concurrent Master's.