

GRADUATE

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Master of Arts in School Psychology

Mount Saint Vincent University is small enough so you can think big. Our small class sizes allow you to work directly with your professors and fellow students. Your classes won't be "one way" lectures; you'll participate in lively group discussions and team projects that will build your knowledge and confidence.

The Master of Arts in School Psychology is a clinical-specialty program designed to prepare graduates to enter the profession of school psychology and to become registered as psychologists in provinces/territories where masters-level registration is permitted.

The two-year full-time program balances theory, practice, and research. It adopts a holistic approach where children, youth, and young adults are seen as key collaborators, along with their parents/guardians and other professionals, in addressing their strengths and needs within the context of home, school and community. Evidence-based practice is emphasized throughout the program.

Application and Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate degree in psychology, preferably an honours degree in psychology or equivalent. A degree in education is preferred. A high academic standing (normally a "B+" or GPA 3.0) is expected.
- Related work/volunteer experience.
- Three letters of reference attesting to academic and work experiences, and personal characteristics.
- The most promising applicants will be interviewed.

Program Requirements

There are ten and a half units of required courses.

- GSPY 6801: Perspectives on Schooling: Implications for the Role of the School Psychologist (half unit)
- GSPY 6817: Strategies for Intervention with Learning Difficulties: A Developmental Perspective (half unit)
- GSPY 6819: Seminar and Internship in School Psychology (one unit)
- GSPY 6820: Child Clinical Psychology (half unit)
- GSPY 6831: Neurodevelopmental and Neuropsychological Issues in Childhood (half unit)
- GSPY 6822: Ethical Principles and Practices in Professional Psychology (half unit)
- GSPY 6824: Perspectives on Diversity: Implications for the Practice of School Psychology (half unit)
- GSPY 6840: Seminar in School Psychology Consultation Skills (half unit)
- GSPY 6841: Practicum in School Psychology Consultation Skills (half unit)
- GSPY 6842: Seminar in Psychological Assessment (one unit)
- GSPY 6843: Practicum in Psychological Assessment (one unit)
- GSPY 6844: Therapeutic Interventions for Psychological Practice I (half unit)
- GSPY 6845: Seminar in Therapeutic Intervention in Psychological Practice II (half unit)
- GSPY 6846: Practicum in Therapeutic Interventions in Psychological Practice (half unit)



GSPY 6847: Seminar in Strategies for Managing Behavioural Concerns (half unit)

GEDU 6130: MAEd Thesis (one unit)

GEPY 6608: Intermediate Statistics and Research Design (half unit)

For details of the program, visit msvu.ca/calendar/graduate.asp or msvu.ca/education.

Time Frame

Students study full-time and complete the program over two years.

Faculty Research Interests

Genevieve Boulet, PhD (Université de Montréal)

Learning and teaching of mathematics

Elizabeth Church, PhD (University of Toronto)

Families and parenting, mental health, rural school psychology, interprofessional collaboration, feminism and psychology

Frederick French, PhD (University of Alberta)

Cognition and learning in children and youth (particularly those with learning disabilities), educational practices that promote inclusion, social justice issues, learners as self advocates

Jamie Metsala, PhD (University of Toronto)

Reading acquisition, reading disabilities, development of speech perception & phonological awareness, definitions of learning disabilities, children's learning and cognition

Marlene Ruck Simmonds, EdD (candidate) (University of Toronto)

Cross-cultural psychology, inclusive education, spirituality and psychology

Recent Graduates

The majority of the graduates from this program are employed as psychologists in the school system, although some continue on to doctoral programs in psychology.

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