

Rutgers University – Newark, Psychology MA Program FAQ

1. How do I apply?
The link to the graduate school application is here:
<https://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/>
2. Is the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) required?
No. The GRE is optional in that you can submit scores if you would like, but it is not required.
3. Is there an application fee?
Yes. Currently (as of August 11, 2023) the fee is \$70. The fee is set not by our department but by the graduate school. You might be able to request a waiver if you can demonstrate financial need. For that, as well as the latest info on what the fee is, you would need to contact the graduate school (<https://www.gsn.newark.rutgers.edu/>).
4. What are the tuition costs?
As with the application fee, the tuition costs are also set by the graduate school, not by our psychology department. A Google search should turn up the latest fees. Here is an example from the 2022-2023 academic year:
https://finance.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/2022-08/Newark_Graduate_22_23_Updated.pdf
5. Is there financial aid or is the program otherwise funded?
The program is student-funded, not department-funded. As for financial aid, we cannot guarantee any. In the past most students have been awarded some significant financial aid, but that changes from year to year and is at the discretion of the graduate school. Officially this is a self-financed program.
6. Will the psychology MA prepare me for clinical certification?
No. Our program does not offer clinical certification of any kind.
7. Is the program more focused on coursework or research?
Both! Coursework is important. But what sets our program apart is its focus on research. All students are required to pick a primary advisor/lab during the application and interview process. Students complete lab work alongside coursework and must complete an original research thesis to earn the MA degree. So the program is largely geared toward students who want to gain additional coursework and research experience as preparation for applying to doctoral programs.
8. Is this Psychology MA Program a STEM designated program? (this is primarily relevant for international students)
Yes! Our classification of instructional program (CIP) code is 42.2799.

9. How do I get more information about the program, like examples of how many courses are taken when during the 2-year duration?

Our department's web page with a general description of the program is here:

<https://sasn.rutgers.edu/psychology-ma-0>

And that site contains a link to a document with more detailed information, including an example timeline on page 4 of this document:

https://live-ru-sas-newark.pantheonsite.io/sites/default/files/sites/default/files/inline-files/MA2Year_proposal_final_wcover_081822.pdf