

# MASTER OF ARTS PSYCHEDELICS AND CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES

## Overview

The School of Psychology offers an interdisciplinary graduate program leading to the degrees of Master of Arts in Psychedelics and Consciousness Studies (PCS).

Psychedelics and Consciousness Studies focuses on developing advanced knowledge surrounding the therapeutic, spiritual, and ritual uses of psychedelics cross-culturally and throughout human history. Its goal is the advancement of research and competency in the areas of human consciousness, psychology, comparative mysticism, and formal training in psychedelic-assisted therapies for clinicians and spiritual care providers.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/psychology/graduate/psychedelics-consciousness-studies-programs/>)

## Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (<https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/>) webpage.

## To be eligible, candidates must:

- Have an honours bachelor's degree (or equivalent), or higher degree in any related discipline, with an admission minimum average of 70% (B);
- Demonstrate a high academic achievement as shown by official academic transcript, academic reference forms, and other supporting documentation;
- Possess two strong academic or professional letters of reference.

## Additional admission requirements:

- Have a previous graduate-level course in cultural diversity or multicultural counseling, and coursework in research/professional ethics.

## Program Requirements

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

## Master's with Research Paper

Student must complete the following requirements:

### Compulsory Courses

PSY 6137	Psychedelic Psychotherapies Mental Health	3 Units
SRS 5108	Foundations of Psychedelic Studies	3 Units
SRS 5109	Psychedelic Experience: Contemplation, Preparation, and Integration	3 Units

SRS 5110	Sacred Plant Medicines and Shamanic Practices	3 Units
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3 course units from: 3 Units

PSY 6002 Practicum in Applied Research

PSY 6013 Practicum in Clinical Uses of Psychedelics

3 course units from: 3 Units

PSY 6148 Fieldwork in Indigenous and Cultural Healing Practices

SRS 6980 Directed Studies I

### Optional Courses

6 optional course units from: <sup>1</sup> 6 Units

ANT 6112 Medical Anthropology

BIO 5130 Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology

CMM 5302 Comprehensive Pharmacology I

CMM 5303 Comprehensive Pharmacology II

NSC 6101 Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from Neuroscience, Philosophy and Psychology

PSY 6134 Mental Health Interview and Psychometrics

PSY 6138 Neuroscience of Psychedelics

PSY 6139 Ethics in Non-Ordinary States of Consciousness

PSY 6191 Seminars in Psychology <sup>2</sup>

PSY 6951 Seminar in Neuropharmacology and Behavior <sup>2</sup>

SRS 5927 Shamanic Traditions

SRS 6906 Religion and Psychology

PSY 5107 Qualitative Methods in Psychology

### Research Paper

MRP 6999 Major Research Paper

### Note(s)

<sup>1</sup> Three optional course units may be replaced from a secondary discipline approved by the School of Psychology.

<sup>2</sup> As the topic for these courses vary, they must be relevant to the degree and validated by Graduate committee.

## Master's with Coursework

Student must complete the following requirements:

### Compulsory Courses

PSY 6137	Psychedelic Psychotherapies Mental Health	3 Units
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SRS 5108	Foundations of Psychedelic Studies	3 Units
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SRS 5109	Psychedelic Experience: Contemplation, Preparation, and Integration	3 Units
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SRS 5110	Sacred Plant Medicines and Shamanic Practices	3 Units
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3 course units from: 3 Units

PSY 6002 Practicum in Applied Research

PSY 6013 Practicum in Clinical Uses of Psychedelics

3 course units from: 3 Units

PSY 6148 Fieldwork in Indigenous and Cultural Healing Practices

SRS 6980 Directed Studies I

### Optional Courses

9 optional course units: <sup>1</sup> 9 Units

ANT 6112	Medical Anthropology
BIO 5130	Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology
CMM 5302	Comprehensive Pharmacology I
CMM 5303	Comprehensive Pharmacology II
NSC 6101	Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from Neuroscience, Philosophy and Psychology
PSY 6134	Mental Health Interview and Psychometrics
PSY 6191	Seminars in Psychology <sup>2</sup>
PSY 6951	Seminar in Neuropharmacology and Behavior <sup>2</sup>
SRS 5927	Shamanic Traditions
SRS 6906	Religion and Psychology
PSY 5107	Qualitative Methods in Psychology

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## Minimum Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum average of B during their master's program. Those who receive a grade lower than B in two courses or more will be required to withdraw.

## Research

### Research at the University of Ottawa

Located in the heart of Canada's capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa ranks among Canada's top 10 research universities. Our research is founded on excellence, relevance and impact and is conducted in a spirit of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Our research community thrives in four strategic areas:

- Creating a sustainable environment
- Advancing just societies
- Shaping the digital world
- Enabling lifelong health and wellness

From advancing healthcare solutions to tackling global challenges like climate change, the University of Ottawa's researchers are at the forefront of innovation, making significant contributions to society and beyond.

## Research at the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences represents a place of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is rich, innovative and varied, contributing to the depth of understanding and breadth of discussions on a variety of issues nationally and internationally. This research, whether it be fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented, is generated by our renowned expertise, ultimately culminating

in applications designed to influence individual communities and the betterment of society.

We have identified five research themes which collectively represent a large proportion of the research undertaken at the Faculty of Social Sciences:

- International Studies
- Francophonie
- Public Policy
- Health, Well-Being
- Justice, Society

## Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Social Sciences

Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities (CIRCEM) (<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/circem/>), Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) (<http://www.cips-cepi.ca/>), Centre for Public Management and Policy (<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/public-management-policy/>), Centre for Research on Educational and Community Service (CRECS) (<http://crecs.uottawa.ca/>), Centre on Governance (COG) (<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/governance/>), Human Rights Research and Education Centre (affiliation) (<http://cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/en/>), Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies (<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/feminist-gender-studies/>) and Institute for Science, Society and Policy (<https://issp.uottawa.ca/en/>).

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on **Uniweb**.

**IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (<https://www.uottawa.ca/study/graduate-studies/academic-unit-contact-information/>) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.**