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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Origin of the MS in Psychology, Option in Industrial/Organizational Psychology Program

The Psychology Department began its graduate program in 1952 with a general Master of Arts (MA) degree. This program was, and continues to be, well-suited to the needs of students planning to enter doctoral programs, teach at community colleges, and/or enter professional settings that make use of their training in psychology.

The MA program served the needs of students interested in industrial psychology or community-clinical psychology. It was clear, by the end of the 1960s, that each of these expanding applied professional areas could be better taught in separate programs.

Accordingly, in 1972, the Master of Science degree was initiated, with options in Industrial Psychology (MSI) and Community-Clinical Psychology (MSCC). The MSCC was eventually phased out of the Psychology department, as it was duplicated through what is now the Advanced Studies in Education and Counseling department’s master’s programs. In 1988 the MSI degree was renamed Master of Arts in Industrial-Organizational Psychology (MAIO), and in 2007 changed to a Master of Science (MSIO). Beginning 2013 two options were offered: Applied/Portfolio track and Research/Thesis track.

B. Goals of the MSIO Program

The primary goal of the MSIO program is to provide each student with the skills necessary to succeed in applying psychology to organizational and industrial problems. The program also provides an adequate background for PhD study in psychology. Necessary skills for success include: research methodology, statistics, written expression, oral expression, and content knowledge.

The program builds on a comprehensive undergraduate degree program. Students who are lacking this prerequisite training are expected to obtain the equivalent of a bachelor’s degree in psychology, and are required to complete five specific courses, four of which must be completed prior to applying to the department (see page 3 for these five specific prerequisites).

Each student is introduced to two specialties within industrial psychology: personnel issues and organizational behavior.

Specifically, the MSIO program strives to cultivate the following in each graduate:

1. Extensive knowledge of the IO psychology literature.
2. Familiarity with and ability to execute all major IO psychology methodologies.
3. Knowledge of and comfort using a variety of statistical approaches commonly employed in IO psychology.
4. Familiarity with computer applications commonly used in psychological research and industry.
5. Clear understanding of and ability to appropriately use psychological concepts in technical writing and oral reports.

The above goals were designed for a successful Masters-level professional degree program. There is currently a strong demand in business and other organizations for individuals with the skills, training and experience provided by the CSULB MSIO program.

C. MSIO Program Student Learning Outcomes

An MSIO student will demonstrate competency:

1. as an informed consumer of the knowledge of the history and systems of psychology in general, and the history and systems of IO psychology in particular.
2. as an informed consumer of the knowledge of core I-O content areas and a practitioner applying this knowledge to I-O issues in workplace settings.
3. as an applied researcher, demonstrating (a) the knowledge of basic applied research methods, (b) data collection and statistical analysis skills and abilities, (c) oral presentation skills, and (d) report writing skills.
4. as a culturally aware participant in diverse organizational settings.
II. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Students interested in pursuing an MSIO degree must apply to the Psychology Department as well as the University.

1. Orientation

After gaining acceptance into the graduate program, students will be invited to attend an informative orientation session. This meeting is held during the summer before the Fall semester.

2. Registration

Prior to registration each semester, students will receive information from the University regarding registering for courses; instructions are provided via the students’ MyCSULB accounts. A tentative list of Psychology graduate level courses will be posted on the department web site as soon as available.

3. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) and the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE)

Every degree candidate must fulfill the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) by either scoring a 4.0 or higher on the Analytical Writing essay portion of the GRE or GMAT, or by passing the Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE), to be certified proficient in written composition in English. Students who met/fulfilled the WPE requirement during their baccalaureate degree program at CSULB or at another CSU campus are exempt from retaking the WPE as a graduate student. Confirmation from other CSUs is required. Graduate students should satisfy the WPE requirement by the end of their first semester. Instructions are on the CSULB web site (www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/testing/wpe). If a student is unable to pass the WPE, the GWAR page has additional instructions: http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/gwar/

4. Advancement to Candidacy

Advancement to Candidacy is the filing of an approved Program (formal listing of required coursework on “Advancement to Candidacy” form) with the Graduate Advisor. This form will be forwarded to Enrollment Services and is the document used to perform the student’s “grad check.” After the student completes a minimum of 6 units towards fulfillment of the MSIO degree, and successfully passes the GWAR requirement, the student should advance to candidacy. (This usually happens during the second semester in the program.) Program coursework requirements are available via the department web site and Graduate Office, and also appear on the last two pages of this handbook. MSIO students should make themselves familiar with their required coursework. The Graduate Advisor will schedule Advancement to Candidacy workshops throughout the academic year. A student must be advanced to candidacy before the last semester of his or her coursework and prior to filing for a “grad check” (AKA “Request to Graduate”). CSULB requires master’s students to meet with their Graduate Advisor in person to complete this important step towards Candidacy.

5. Grad Check AKA Request to Graduate

At least one semester prior to the last semester of regular coursework, the student is required to file a graduation check through the University. This process will inform and advise the student of progress made toward completing his or her graduation requirements. Please note that the GWAR requirement must be fulfilled before a grad check can be requested.

6. GPA Requirements

All students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA throughout the program. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below this level will be placed on academic probation (see online CSULB Catalog for details). There is no “repeat/delete” for graduate students. A minimum 3.0 GPA in IO program coursework as set by Advancement, is also required to graduate.
7. Seven Year Rule

All requirements of the degree, including thesis or research/portfolio project, must be completed within seven years of the date of the student’s first program course.

8. MSIO Student Program Responsibility

The CSULB MSIO program is a full time, two year program, in which students go through their courses as a cohort. It is strongly advised that academic coursework take precedence over internship experiences or other extra-curricular activities. Students who do not follow the proper sequence of coursework within the two years are subject to Administrative Academic Probation, and possible dismissal from the MSIO program.

9. Communication

Be sure to continually update and keep the Psychology Graduate Office, as well as Enrollment Services (via MyCSULB), informed of your current email and home addresses. Important program information will be disseminated via email and mailing, and also posted on the department web site (www.csulb.edu/psychology).

10. Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for information covered through university publications, including the Catalog. These publications cover such topics as plagiarism, GPA requirements, educational leave, academic probation and disqualification, registration instructions and deadlines, and much, much more. The CSULB Catalog is available on-line at www.csulb.edu. The MSIO program adheres to CSU Executive Order #970 (Student Conduct Procedures: www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-970.html).

III. DEGREE PREREQUISITES AND REQUIREMENTS

Program Prerequisites

1. A bachelor’s degree with a major in Psychology OR a bachelor’s degree in another field of study, 24 upper division semester units of Psychology, and the equivalency of three CSULB lower division courses.

2. PSY 220 (Research Methods, PSY 310 (Intermediate Statistics), PSY 314 (Psychological Assessment) OR PSY 315 (Principles of Psychological Testing), PSY 332 (Human Cognition) OR PSY 333 (Learning), and PSY 351 (Social Psychology) OR PSY 381 (Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology) OR PSY 453/553 (Group Dynamics). Students may be admitted to the MSIO program if they lack only one required course (with the exception of PSY 314 or 315 AND PSY 381 or 351 or 453/553, which are prerequisites for the first semester program coursework). The missing course must be completed during the first semester of graduate study.

Degree Requirements

1. The student must complete a minimum of 36 units of Psychology graduate courses including: 515; 581; 582; 585; 683; 686; 688; two of the following: 511, 512, or 523; and one or two courses (depending upon track) chosen from 501, 518, 527, 533, 544, 553, 575, 634, 637, 651, 656, or HRM 445. The Thesis track requires six units of PSY 698 and one Elective; the Portfolio track requires PSY 699 and two Electives.

Students with credit in dual-numbered courses taken as CSULB undergraduates (e.g., 411/511, 412/512, 423/523, or 482/582) may petition to substitute a maximum of 6 units from related areas towards their 36-unit program. In the extreme case of a student who has taken 2 of these courses as an undergraduate, the student who has taken 411 or 412 could take the other stat course at the 500 level, and the student who has taken 482 could substitute another course (see section IV for course descriptions).

2. A preliminary oral examination on the thesis proposal and a final oral examination in defense of the completed thesis are required for the Research/Thesis track. A review of the portfolio project is required for the Applied/Portfolio Track.
IV. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MSIO SEMINARS

Although the requirements for graduate seminars obviously vary from one class to another, MSIO students should expect at least 70 pages of reading per week per seminar course. These readings are usually a combination of assignments from a textbook, journal articles, and book chapters. Course requirements vary, but are generally comprised of a course participation grade, literature review or research proposal, a professional class presentation (which provides a critique discussion of research relevant to a course-related topic), and a rigorous term project which is usually conducted in cooperation with other graduate students.

These course requirements are pleasantly challenging, but demanding. It has been our experience in the past that most MSIO students choose to have some sort of part-time job while completing their graduate studies. While we respect the need to earn money and possibly obtain MSIO-related work experience, students are strongly encouraged to minimize work obligations during their first year of graduate study. It is impossible to work 30 or more hours while maintaining the appropriate amount of effort in scholastic pursuits! We are careful to select only those students who we feel hold special promise for the field of Industrial-Organizational Psychology - we ask that you fulfill your potential by making your academic pursuits your primary concern!

V. PRACTICUM

1. The primary purpose of the practicum (PSY 688) is to provide each MSIO candidate with practical experience in industry. Students will apply their particular psychological skills to real business problems. This second year course is designed to be a bridge between theory and practice. By the end of the semester the student should develop both greater insight into the process of applying psychology in industry and skill interacting with employees in a variety of work places.

2. Students are primarily responsible for the selection of a specific organization that will allow them to fulfill the requirements of the course. You should start looking for an internship after your second semester in the program. If any student is having difficulty finding a placement in an organization, the instructor will assist on a limited basis, but cannot guarantee a placement. The PSY 688 requirements may be completed/fulfilled in a large or small business, branch of local government, school system, church, etc. The only constraint in selecting a place to be assigned is that it must provide a situation in which it will be possible to practice, develop, and demonstrate IO psychology skills. Information received by the Graduate Advisor regarding possible opportunities will be passed on via email.

3. In whatever organization the student chooses to work, a responsible person in the organization must be identified to supervise the student at the work site on a day to day basis. This person should have at least some minimal experience in supervising the work of others.

4. The practicum project will take approximately 12 to 15 hours a week, for 10 consecutive weeks. These hours are suggested as a guideline. Your project may take more or less time to complete within the 10 week timeframe. Before beginning the project, the student will present a proposal of the work to be done. Upon completion of the project, a final written and oral report will be submitted for evaluation.

Former Practicum placements have included positions with Bassett USD, City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, CODESP, County of Los Angeles, County of Orange Resources and Development Dept., CSU Chancellor’s Office, CSUDH Institutional Research, Assessment & Planning, Hacienda La Puente USD, Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power (LA-DWP), Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles USD, Orange County Register, Rockreation Sport Climbing Center, Sempra Energy (The Gas Company), Southern California Edison, Toyota Motor Sales, and TransAmerica.
VI. RESEARCH AND PORTFOLIO (PSY 699)

The research and portfolio projects are considered the capstone of the MSIO Applied/Portfolio track. Students will gain research experience by working closely on a project with a department faculty advisor, while simultaneously developing the required portfolio. The student’s Advisor will both direct the student’s research and oversee the portfolio development.

Research Project

The student is expected to gain knowledge of the research process through conceiving, developing, conducting, and/or analyzing research along with a faculty member Advisor in the psychology department. The student will actively engage in a research project approved by the Advisor, which may be part of the faculty member’s research program, or independently proposed by the student.

Professional, scientific writing skills will be acquired or improved through the production of a written summary of the research project using APA style. The paper length will be determined by the Advisor, but is expected to be no less than approximately 10 double-spaced pages. This report may be in the form of a research proposal or a summary of the entire research project including major findings and study implications.

Portfolio Project

The professional portfolio is intended to help the student prepare for competitive employment. It is expected to consist of at least four (4) program assignments/completed projects. Such projects may consist of Job Analysis, Test Construction, Organizational Psychology, or Training projects, as examples, as well as the final project developed for the Practicum in I/O Psychology course. Any combination of four or more projects, with the approval of the designated Advisor, is acceptable. Each project must be accompanied with a brief (approximately 2 pages minimum) description of the project, along with descriptions of when and how the project might be applicable, as well as different options or versions that may be useful in the future. These will be placed in a large binder or portfolio case, along with a detailed Resume and cover letter.

The concept of a professional portfolio is to provide the MSIO graduate with a tangible, portable collection of examples of the individual’s expertise, with the intent to show it during job interviews or other such situations. Therefore, the student may choose to add the PSY 699 Research Project paper, but this will not count towards the minimum four projects. Further, as the portfolio is a collection of applied work demonstrating the range of an individual’s skills and abilities as a practitioner and competencies gained through graduate school, other visual examples of accomplishments, such as professional certificates, may be added as well (keeping in mind that confidential work products and other sensitive materials should be omitted).

Research Proposal and Portfolio Process

After the student has successfully Advanced to Candidacy (see page 2 of this Handbook) and declared a Track Option, a meeting with the faculty Advisor should be immediately scheduled to discuss the Research and Portfolio projects. At this point the projects to be included in the Portfolio will be decided, along with the activities that will fulfill the Research Project requirement. The Portfolio review committee will consist of the student’s Advisor, and at least two other members of the current members of the MSIO program committee. A current supervisor, with a Master’s degree or greater within the field, may replace one member of the Portfolio review committee.

Portfolio Review

The completed Portfolio is presented to the student’s Advisor, and is reviewed by the entire Committee for completeness, presentation and professional standards. If the Portfolio is approved, the process is complete and the Advisor reports the Portfolio project fulfilled to the Graduate Advisor. The Enrollment Services Office is then informed. Portfolios will most often be accepted with revisions, where Portfolios will be critiqued at the Portfolio presentation and returned for revisions and/or additions. Revised Portfolios are to be resubmitted within one calendar year of the original submission to the Advisor or Program Chair (unless all committee members request to see alternations). Students cannot be cleared for graduation before all required coursework, forms and the Portfolio have been approved.
VII. THESIS (PSY 698)

The thesis is a pivotal event in the graduate student’s educational experience. It allows the student to work relatively independently on a major research study which represents the student’s ability to utilize psychological knowledge and skills in composing, conducting and presenting research. Please refer to the Psychology Thesis Guidelines (available via the department web site) for the official Department Guidelines for Faculty/Student Responsibility for MA/MS Thesis.

The thesis generally includes the following steps:

1. **Proposal**

   With the aid of a thesis chair, students are expected to take a thesis project idea and develop it into a researchable proposal. During the development of the proposal, the student should begin to identify appropriate faculty members for her/his committee.

2. **Committee**

   The student must ask three individuals to serve on his/her thesis committee. They serve the purpose of coordinating and assisting with the proposal and final thesis process. While the other two members provide assistance, the chair is primarily responsible for assisting you with your thesis and is the person with whom you will work most closely. It becomes very important to choose a chair who has similar research interests and with whom you work well. All three members must be present at both preliminary and final orals. Two committee members, including the chairperson, must be full-time faculty members from the psychology department; the third member may be any professionally qualified person holding at least a master’s degree. You are required to obtain department approval of your committee members by the Graduate Advisor prior to preliminary orals. It is best to do this as soon as your committee members have been identified and have agreed to serve as committee members.

3. **Preliminary Orals**

   When the committee believes your proposal is ready, you will schedule preliminary orals. This step involves getting your entire committee together at a meeting lasting approximately one hour. Here you will discuss the major variables, models, methodologies and expected outcomes of your thesis project. Any problems with your design or other factors may be ironed out at this session. This step must be completed before actually implementing the project.

4. **Project Implementation**

   After successfully passing preliminary orals, the student must file an application for approval with the CSULB Institutional Review Board (IRB). Additional approval is necessary if the PSY 100 subject pool is to be used. After gaining the approvals, the student may implement the project. Data is collected, analyzed, and a final thesis draft is written.

5. **Final Orals**

   When a final draft is deemed suitable by the committee chair and committee members, the student will schedule another one hour meeting where the outcomes/interpretation of the project are discussed. Typically, the approval of the finalized version of the thesis is obtained at this time, with possible minor changes and/or additions.

6. **Reference Materials**

   If the student is unsure about a project or about the format of the written material, previous theses are available via an online database (link on department’s and Thesis Office’s web sites). The Psychology Thesis Guidelines publication is available via the department web site, as is a link to the University’s Style and Format guide (which is to be used for current formatting requirements). Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves closely with these materials. Additional requirements and information are covered by these publications.
VIII. FACILITIES

1. Computer Facilities

Department Computing Facilities

Information regarding the computer facilities housed in the Psychology building may be found on the department web site: www.csulb.edu/colleges/cladepartments/psychology/newman-lab/

It may be possible to reserve one of the computer labs for research projects with faculty and department approval, when available. However, class demands for these resources have made it more difficult to find available time. Check with your thesis committee chair if interested.

Campus Computing Facilities

There are two open computer labs on campus, in the Horn Center, north campus, and on the first floor of the Main Library. These labs are open the same hours as the campus library (the Horn Center may vary hours are posted on website). Information may be found at: www.csulb.edu/library/guide/computing.html

CSULB Email and Library Accounts

Students can set up their own CSULB “BeachMail” email account and access additional information about BeachMail via the following web page: www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/academic_technology/thd/email/beachmail/

To use PsycINFO and other databases from offsite you must set up a Library account via the following web page: https://coast.library.csulb.edu/patroninfo You can also renew books (before they are overdue), and request materials not available in the CSULB Library through Interlibrary Services (ILLiad at the Beach).

2. Library Facilities

In order to assist graduate students, the library has many services that can maximize your success in conducting research.

A. For psychology students, assistance with journals and other reference material is available at the Reference Desk on the first floor of the library, adjacent to the Spidell Technology Center. Students are encouraged to seek help and to inquire about the abstracts that are available for their topic of interest.

B. A student enrolled in PSY 698 (Thesis) may check out books for an entire semester, rather than the usual three-week period. To check materials out for this extended time, a card may be obtained in the library. This card must be signed by the Graduate Advisor.

C. Many research databases are available via the Internet for CSULB students, including PsycINFO, PsycArticles, and Tests in Print. To access on and off campus, you will need to set up a Library Account, complete with password (see Library Accounts above). Electronic journals may be accessed via these web addresses:

www.csulb.edu/library/eref/psychology.html
www.csulb.libguides.com/content.php?pid=100138&sid=751662

3. Student Study Center

Sharing of resources and information is an important part of the graduate student experience. The department’s Student Study Center is located in room Psy 314.

4. Psychology Assessment Materials (PAM)

The Psychology Assessment Materials (PAM) Center (located in room Psy 204) has personality inventory tests available for graduate student research. Students can review these tests (if interested in proprietary tests) before purchasing them directly from the test publishers, or borrow them for research use (if interested in non-proprietary measurement scales). The current list of test materials and loan authorization forms are posted outside of room Psy 204. Students must obtain the signature of the faculty member supervising the research on their loan form.

5. Student Services

University Student Services are available in such areas as:

Academic advising through the Disabled Student Services Office: www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/dss/
Personal and health counseling through:
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Office: www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/caps
Community Clinic for Counseling and Educational Services: www.ced.csulb.edu/clinic
Financial assistance via the Office of Financial Aid: www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/financial_aid/
6. Graduate/Career Resources Rooms

Information on PhD programs, as well as other materials on the subject of graduate school, is available in the Graduate Resources and the Career Resources rooms of the Psychology Resource Office (room Psy 206). Visit their web site for hours: http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/cla/departments/psychology/pro/

IX. MSIO PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The MSIO Program Committee functions to: develop and implement program policy, review petitions, and select new students from among the MSIO program applicants (these functions are performed by committee faculty members only). The Committee is composed of faculty members and two to three MSIO graduate student representatives.

X. GRADUATE ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Application

Students interested in serving as a Graduate Assistant (GA) should submit a GA application to the Graduate Advisor. A new application is required each semester. Positions are open until filled. Review of applications will begin early summer for the Fall semester and late fall for the Spring semester. Applications are available via the department web site and must be submitted by the announced deadline.

Types of GA Jobs

Each semester the department of Psychology hires approximately 10-13 graduate assistants to perform various activities. The assignments are usually 10 hours per week for 17 weeks for the appropriate semester. Most GA assignments fall into two major categories. Some assignments are to assist with the introductory research methods course (PSY 220). This involves preparing materials, grading papers and assisting students. Other GA assignments support introductory and intermediate statistics courses (PSY 210, 310). These assignments generally involve grading papers, assisting students during the assigned lab time of the course and helping students with various statistical software packages. Both research methods and statistics GA positions may also involve providing support for the department computer lab, and all GAs may assist with the Student Study Center. Other positions include support for the PSY 301 course, 314 and seasonal courses (fall or spring only) such as 427/527 and 456/556.

Benefits of a GA Position

Financial: If appointed for 10 hours of work each week, for two semesters, a first year GA receives approximately $6000 per year.

Educational: By teaching, GAs can further develop their own psychological skills (teaching and research).

Experiential: Working closely with a faculty member can add to a GA’s knowledge and experience.

Convenience: Having a job on campus can save travel time and study time.
XI. DEPARTMENT AND COLLEGE AWARDS

The College of Liberal Arts presents the following awards each Spring to outstanding Master’s students: 1) Graduate Dean’s List of University Scholars and Artists, and 2) Best Thesis Award for the College of Liberal Arts, through a competitive process. The Psychology department awards the Gilbert J. Padilla Memorial Award, the Outstanding Master’s Students in Psychology Award and the J. Robert Newman Scholarship. (See below for award descriptions.)

Graduate Dean’s List

Early in the Spring semester, the Graduate Advisor distributes to department faculty a memo requesting nominations for the Graduate Dean’s List, on which the College selection criteria are listed. The memo contains a list of students who graduated the previous Fall and Summer semesters and a list of those students who have completed preliminary and/or final orals. Faculty are instructed to only nominate students from the second list who have graduated or will graduate during the current Spring or upcoming Summer semester.

When nominations are received by the Graduate Advisor, the students’ GPAs are checked for eligibility (3.50 min.). The eligible students are then emailed a letter informing them of their nomination and the identity of the faculty member(s) that nominated them. The students are instructed to inform the Graduate Advisor if they wish to pursue the award. If so, they must secure two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty, return the completed application, and supply any additional materials that might support their nomination.

The Psychology department’s Graduate Committee, consisting of three faculty members, (one from each of our three graduate programs), reviews all the application material submitted. The students are then rank-ordered and the top 2 nominees are forwarded to the College of Liberal Arts. The number of awardees from each college is limited to one percent of the students pursuing a master’s degree. Eight awards were given by the College of Liberal Arts during the 2013 Commencement.

Gilbert J. Padilla Memorial Award

The #1-ranked Psychology Graduate Dean’s List nominee receives the Gilbert J. Padilla Memorial Award.

Outstanding Master’s Graduate Award

Psychology students who are nominated but not selected by the College for the Graduate Dean’s List may receive the Outstanding Master’s Graduate Award for the Department of Psychology.

Best Thesis Award

At the time of final orals, the student’s thesis committee may recommend a thesis for consideration for the department’s Best Thesis Award. Just prior to the award’s deadline, these rankings are reviewed by the Graduate Advisor and the highest-ranked theses are selected. The Graduate Committee reviews them and selects one thesis to represent the Psychology Department, which is then forwarded to the College for consideration of Best Thesis Award (one is awarded per each College of Liberal Arts commencement ceremony).

J. Robert Newman Scholarship

The MAPR and the MSIO committees each may select one outstanding incoming student as a J. Robert Newman Scholar. Selected eligible recipients receive up to $1250/semester, for a maximum of four semesters, when funding allows.

CSULB Annual Student Research Competition

Information on the CSULB Annual Student Research Competition may be found at: http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/students/competition/index.html
XII. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Former students have found that joining a professional organization to become familiar with the current IO issues and research is very beneficial. Some organizations are:

- Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP)  
  www.siop.org
- Western Psychological Association (WPA)  
  www.westernpsych.org
- American Psychological Association (APA)  
  www.apa.org
- Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
  www.psychologicalscience.org
- The American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)  
  www.astd.org
- International Personnel Assessment Council (IPAC)  
  www.ipacweb.org (Southern California)

XIII. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MSIO GRADUATE

Upon completion of the MSIO program, a graduate may decide to continue graduate study to pursue a PhD in IO psychology - OR may find a job in industry (focused on Personnel and/or Organizational issues).

Recent graduates of the CSULB MSIO program that have sought employment have been quite successful in both the public and private sectors. Some of these graduates have continued to work for the organizations for whom they conducted the required program practicum, while others have found gainful employment through contacts with our many alumni and community contacts, or through their own efforts.

The following is a sample of job titles held by recent graduates of the MSIO program:

- Organizational Development Specialist
- Personnel Analyst
- Organizational Consultant
- Business owner
- Training and Development Specialist

XIV. SOME RECENT CLASSWORK ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MSIO STUDENTS

a) Development of a longitudinal assessment instrument and “high-capability volunteer” profile for the Long Beach AIDS Foundation
b) Creation of a needs assessment and organizational development intervention for the Koo’s Art Center in Long Beach
c) Development of a complete training program for the Special Sitters program of United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County
d) Design and conduction of a study of mentor recruitment and retention, as well as development of a 360 degree feedback system for Project MotiVATE (a Vietnamese teen mentoring program)
e) Formation and delivery of a complete interview preparation training program for classified workers at Lynwood Unified School District
f) Development of “organization learning” files for incoming MSIO students that considers all aspects of study, work, and life as a MSIO student
MSIO Program Check List
Applied/Portfolio Track

See below for a list of the required steps in the MSIO Program - Portfolio track. Refer to expanded information located in this handbook regarding each item listed.

___ Complete outstanding prerequisite courses
   by first semester

___ Fulfill GWAR requirement
   by end of first semester

___ Advancement to Candidacy
   ___ Declare IO program Option Track
      second or third semester

___ Practicum project
   during second year

___ Complete Research and Portfolio projects
   ___ Ask MSIO faculty member to be Research/Portfolio Advisor
      preferably by end of 2nd semester
   ___ Fulfill research project hours
   ___ Produce written summary of Research project
   ___ Add two additional members to portfolio committee
   ___ Gather course projects and Research report for Portfolio
   ___ Submit Portfolio for Approval

___ File for Graduation
   deadline: 10/15 of third semester

___ Complete Program Coursework
   ___ PSY 699 - Directed Research and Portfolio
See below for a list of the required steps in the MSIO Program - Thesis track. Refer to expanded information located in this handbook regarding each item listed.

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___ Fulfill GWAR requirement
   by end of first semester

___ Advancement to Candidacy
   ____ Declare IO program Option Track
   second or third semester

___ Practicum project
   during second year

___ Complete Thesis Project (refer to Psychology Thesis Guidelines)
   ____ Ask MSIO faculty member to be Thesis Chair
   preferably by end of 2nd semester
   ____ Add two additional members to thesis committee
   ____ Preliminary Orals
   ____ IRB Approval
   ____ Final Orals
   ____ Submit Thesis

___ File for Graduation
   deadline: 10/15 of third semester

___ Complete Program Coursework
   ____ PSY 698 - Thesis units
   total of six units taken during second year
XIV. DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Prerequisites

220. Research Methods (4 units)
Prerequisites: PSY 100 and 210. Introduction to basic research methods in Psychology. Principles of experimentation, naturalistic observation, correlational studies. (Lecture 3 hours, laboratory and field 3 hours)

310. Intermediate Statistics (4)
Prerequisites: PSY 100, and 210 or Introductory statistics course. Basic theoretical concepts of statistics and use of these concepts in selection and development of model testing, hypothesis testing and parameter estimation procedures. Both single measure (univariate) and correlation (bivariate) concepts are included. (Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 2 hours)

314. Psychological Assessment (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 100, 210 and 220. Principles of assessment applied to the measurement of individual behavior and to programs intended to affect behavior. Includes interviews, tests and other methods.

315. Principles of Psychological Testing (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 100, 210 and 220. Principles and practices of group and individual testing in the fields of intelligence, aptitude, achievement, personality and interest. Emphasis on the evaluation of tests as measuring devices, their applicability and limitations.

332. Human Cognition (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 100, 220 and 241. Study of higher-order processes basic to the acquisition of knowledge. Includes thinking, problem solving, creativity, information processing, decision making, judgment, concepts and imagination.

333. Psychology of Learning (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 100, 220 and 241. Learning is a relatively permanent change in behavior resulting from experience. Emphasizes interaction of biological and environmental variables in the processes of instinct, habituation, sensitization, Pavlovian conditioning, instrumental learning, and cognition; examination of methods, theory and applications.

351. Social Psychology (3)
Prerequisite: PSY 100. Study of individuals and groups as they are affected by social interactions. Topics may include social cognition, attitudes and persuasion, social influence, interpersonal perception and attraction, aggression, altruism, and group dynamics.

381. Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3)
Prerequisite: PSY 100. Introduction to theories, methods, findings, and applications of industrial-organizational (IO) psychology. Topics covered include job analysis, employee recruitment and selection, performance appraisal, employee training and development, work stress, teams, satisfaction, motivation, and leadership.

453/ Principles of Group Dynamics (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 100, 351. Behavior in groups with attention to such factors as leadership, followership, interaction and influence including organization, management, morale, and efficiency. Problems, techniques and methods of investigations.
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<td>Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments (3)</td>
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<td>Qualitative Methods and Analysis (3)</td>
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<td>PSY 310 or equivalent, and two of the following: PSY 331, 332 or 333. Systematic application of psychological principles to the design of person-machine systems. Emphasis in the laboratory on the development of skills required of human factors psychologists. These skills will include systems analysis, cognitive task analysis, rapid prototyping and usability testing.</td>
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<td>Clinical Interviewing (3)</td>
<td>PSY 220 and 373. Study and development of clinical techniques of observation and the interview. Coverage will include a detailed exposure to Client-Centered and Gestalt counseling methods. Emphasis will be on understanding theory and acquisition of basic skills.</td>
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581. Organizational Psychology (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 351 or 453/553. Analysis of organizational behavior and practices from a systems point of view. Consideration of employee motivation, power, leadership, communication, decisionmaking, and organizational change. Research methods for studying organizations.

582. Research in Industrial and Organizational Psychology (3)
Prerequisites: 220 and 310. Research methods and problems in industrial psychology. Includes direct observational, psychophysical, regression, survey, experimental, and quasi-experimental methods. (Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 3 hours)

585. Proseminar in Personnel Psychology (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 314 or 315. Advanced consideration of problems and procedures in personnel psychology. Includes both differentiation and synthesis of major areas within this field.

634. Seminar in Cognition (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 332 or 333, consent of Graduate Advisor. Examination of method, theory, and experimental evidence in selected topics from the area of cognition.

637. Seminar in Emotion and Motivation (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 336, consent of Graduate Advisor. Advanced consideration of selected topics in animal and human motivation and emotion.

651. Seminar in Social Psychology (3)
Prerequisites: 351, consent of Graduate Advisor. Critical examination of interpersonal relations, social influence, group membership and influence, and intergroup relations.

656. Seminar in Personality (3)
Prerequisites: PSY 356, consent of Graduate Advisor. Theories of personality structure, dynamics, and development. Critical examination of research deriving from different theoretical approaches.

683. Issues of Organizational Development (3)
Prerequisite: PSY 581. Examination of theory, research, techniques, and practices in field of organizational development, professional practice of managing change in organizations. Techniques, such as team building, systems analysis, process consultation, large-group interventions and survey feedback will be examined.

686. Issues in Training (3)
Prerequisites: 332 or 333, and 585. Discusses theoretical and applied issues with the development of employee training programs. Topics include needs assessment, adult learning theory, training methods, training evaluation, and learning organizations. Experiential assignments reinforce course concepts.

688. Practicum in Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2)
Prerequisites: At least 12 units of graduate-level coursework within the MSIO program. Practice of industrial psychology or human factors in various industrial settings. Individual research and consultation with industrial or governmental organizations.

698. Thesis (1-6; a total of 6 required for MSIO Research/Thesis option degree)
Prerequisites or corequisites: PSY 681, Advancement to Candidacy, consent of Graduate Advisor. Planning, preparation and completion of a thesis in psychology. Must be enrolled for a total of 6 units of credit (but no more than 6 total).

699. Directed Research and Portfolio (3)
Prerequisites: Advancement to Candidacy, consent of graduate advisor. Capstone for the MSIO Applied/Portfolio track. Intensive study of theoretical and/or experimental problems in psychology under the guidance of a faculty member. Portfolio development.

HRM 445. Compensation Administration (3)
Prerequisite: HRM 361, IS 301. [Or consent of HRM and PSY Graduate Advisors] Compensation and benefits management as an integrating human resource management process. Development and administration of equitable compensation and benefit programs. Job analysis and evaluation, pay structures, salary surveys, individual compensation, incentive, systems and benefits administration. Discussion, cases and simulations.
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