



KENTUCKY STATE
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MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN INTERDISCIPLINARY BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (MIBS)

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The mission of the 45-hour M.A. Program in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Science is to support Kentucky State University's mission by preparing its diverse student population of traditional and non-traditional students to meet society's growing need for psychological services in a variety of settings. Students in this program will focus on the intersection between law and the behavioral and social sciences, broadly defined.

Forensic psychology is any psychological service or research activity that is done in service to the legal system. Student engage in a program of interdisciplinary study based on rigorous coursework, research, and service activities founded on the scientist-practitioner model of education. This program prepares students to pursue doctoral study in psychology, or to work in industry, government, mental health services, or other human service agencies, consistent with the Kentucky State University motto: *Come In to Learn—Go Out to Serve*.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE?

Psychologists are increasingly called upon to perform various evaluations and functions for the government, the courts, the criminal justice system, and the prison system. Some of the many general and specific career paths that our graduates may choose to pursue include:

- Teaching or research positions in academia
- Administrative positions in local, state, and federal agencies
- Positions within corrections and probation departments
- Positions as a research assistant with various agencies
- Positions at the local, state, and federal level in behavioral or social sciences
- Clinical or research positions with human service agencies, mental health agencies, social agencies, and forensic agencies
- Juvenile group homes
- Domestic violence agencies
- Immigrant and naturalization services
- City police divisions
- Positions such as Psychology Assistant, Court Administrator, Crime Analyst
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- US Secret Service (USSS)

- US Marshal Services
- National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC)
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- US Armed Forces
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Postal Service (USPS)
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Border Patrol Services
- US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Victim Services organizations
- Nursing homes
- Hospice centers
- Head Start programs
- Adoption agencies
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers
- Probation and parole offices
- Courts
- Foster care organizations
- Mental health organizations
- Employee assistance programs

The MIBS program takes a multidisciplinary approach to the area of behavioral and social science and law by providing students with background in theoretical perspectives from psychology, sociology, and criminology, basic and applied research methods, and statistical techniques. Students develop competencies relevant to the science and practice of these various fields, and to the study of the intersection of behavioral and social science and law, forensics, intelligence, and security broadly defined. This program is relevant to students with backgrounds in psychology, sociology, criminal justice, social work, history, or public administration.

Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Intelligence Studies

KYSU Online offers a 12-hour graduate certificate in Interdisciplinary Intelligence Studies to help KSU students prepare to meet the need for well-trained members of the Intelligence and Security fields.

Partnerships and collaborations with the Bluegrass State Intelligence Community-Center for Academic Excellence (BGS IC CAE) member institutions (Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, and the University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce) and statewide and national intelligence and security agencies will help KSU to better serve its students by providing training for future intelligence and security workforce.

To satisfy the requirements for the M.A. in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Science, **students must complete a minimum of 45 semester credit hours**. The core requirements PSY 551, Psychology and Law, PSY 552, Law and Social Science, PSY 503, Intermediate Statistics I, PSY 504, Intermediate Statistics II, PSY 505, Intermediate Research Methods I, PSY 506, Intermediate Research Methods II, and PSY 671, Diversity and Law. Students should plan to complete the core courses in sequence: Semester 1 (Fall), PSY 551; PSY 503, PSY 505; Semester 2 (Spring), PSY 552, PSY 504, PSY 506; Summer Year 2, PSY 671, PSY 681; Semester 3 (Fall), PSY 690, Comprehensive Exam; Summer Year 3, PSY 699, Thesis.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
PSY 551	Psychology & Law	3
PSY 503	Intermediate Statistics	3
PSY 505	Intermediate Research Methods	3
Hours		9
Spring		
PSY 552	Law & Social Science	3
PSY 504	Intermediate Statistics II	3
PSY 506	Intermed. Research Methods II	3
Hours		9
Year 2		
Fall		
PSY 662	Psychology of Criminal Behav.	3
PSY 661	Theories of Offending & Correc	3
PSY 690	Comprehensive Exam	3
Hours		9
Spring		
PSY 663	Aggression & Violence	3
PSY 664	Asses. & Treatment of Offend.	3
PSY 673	Principles of Victimology	3
Hours		9
Summer		
PSY 671	Diversity & Law	3
PSY 681	Seminar in Psychology & Law	3
Hours		6
Year 3		
Summer		
PSY 699	Thesis	3-12
Hours		3-12
Total Hours		45-54