

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN
APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
BoS Approved Draft Curriculum Structure
(Applicable from the Academic Session 2021-22)

**MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD
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Preamble

AICTE in the year 2019 released the decision of running humanities subject in parallel with technical courses under the same campus. This decision is revolutionary in the sense that it takes a giant step towards humanizing the technical education that has erstwhile focused on hardcore scientific principles. One of the primary goals of higher education is molding the social and cultural concerns of individuals, groups, and collectives with a profound feeling of rootedness in our own soil with a global outlook. In this context, the role of Psychology is paramount. Running a full-fledged course on Psychology would not only let the students of the technical streams manage their social and cultural welfare properly, but also would cater to the Psychology students to take advantage of learning the associated technology driven course matters like **Artificial intelligence (AI)** and **machine learning**. In light of this, MAKAUT has currently stepped forward and launched an MSc program in Applied Psychology to meet the need of the hour.

The curricular structure has been carefully designed to train the students in the **major applicative areas of Psychology** in order to make them conversant with the principles as well as ready to take on challenging roles in the society. Appropriate levels of weightage have been given to both core subjects to strengthen their conceptualizations as well as ability and skill enhancing courses to make the students industry ready. Moreover, **a unique advantage of the curricular structure has been a thrust on an interdisciplinary approach by including computation based and industry-oriented training**. Additionally, the curriculum also puts an emphasis on the 'learning by doing' approach by incorporating projects from the second semester onwards. Academic delivery employs modern pedagogical tools, such as *case-based teaching, problem-based learning, project-based learning, etc.*

The curricular structure has been constructed in compliance with the UGC guidelines that stipulates a **total of minimum 80 credit points** to obtain the MSc degree in Applied Psychology. There are in total 4 semesters. The eligibility criteria are having a 3-year bachelor's degree from a UGC recognized university majoring in social/ mathematical sciences or humanities or equivalent. The total seat capacity of the program currently stands at 30.

During the design of the syllabus, we have referred to the syllabi of some National Universities, the names of the institutes are placed hereunder

1. [Dept. of Applied Psychology, University of Calcutta](#)
2. [Dept. of Applied Psychology, Kazi Nazrul University](#)
3. [Dept. of Psychology, West Bengal State University](#)
4. [Applied Psychology, Amity University](#)
5. [Applied Psychology, Delhi University](#)



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Postgraduate curricular structure of MSc Applied Psychology

Course Type	Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV
Core Course (CC)	4 theory 2 practical	4 theory 2 practical	1 theory 1 sessional	1 theory
Department Special Elective (DSE)			2 theory 1 sessional	2 theory 2 sessional
General Elective (GE)			1 theory	
Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)		2 sessional	1 sessional	
Credit Distribution	20	24	24	24

TOTAL CREDITS = 92

Marking Scheme followed by the University

Theory = 100 (Internal assessment 30 + Final assessment 70)

Practical = 100 (Internal assessment 40 + Final assessment 60)

Sessional = 100 (Final assessment 100)



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SEMESTER I

Sl No.	Course Code	Type	Course Title	Course Type	Hours/Credit			
					L	T	P	C
THEORY								
1	MSCAPY-101	Theory	Applied Cognitive Psychology	CC	4			4
2	MSCAPY-102	Theory	Personality Theories and Applications	CC	4			4
3	MSCAPY-103	Theory	Statistical Methods for Applied Psychology	CC	4			4
4	MSCAPY-104	Theory	Research Methods in Applied Psychology	CC	4			4
PRACTICAL								
6	MSCAPY-191	Practical A	Practical on Personality	CC			4	4
		Practical B	Practical on Statistical Packages (SPSS)				4	
		Total						20



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SEMESTER II

Sl No.	Course Code	TYPE	Course Title	Course Type	Hours/Credit			
					L	T	P	C
THEORY								
1	MSCAPY-201	Theory	Psychology and society	CC	4			4
2	MSCAPY-202	Theory	Psychology of development	CC	4			4
3	MSCAPY-203	Theory	Biological Foundations of Behavior	CC	4			4
4	MSCAPY-204	Theory	Psychology for Happiness and Positivity	CC	4			4
SESSIONAL								
5	MSCAPY-281	Sessional	Applied Social Psychology Project A. Media and Psyche or B. Ethnographic analysis	SEC			4	2
6	MSCAPY-282	Sessional	Project on wellbeing	SEC			4	2
PRACTICAL								
7	MSCAPY-291	Practical I	Practical on social psychology	CC			4	2
8	MSCAPY-292	Practical II	Practical on Relaxation procedures	CC			4	2
Total								24



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SEMESTER III (SPECIALIZATION: CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

Sl No.	Course Code	Type	Course Title	Course Type	Hours/Credit			
					L	T	P	C
THEORY								
1	MSCAPY-301	Theory	Adult Psychopathology	DSE	4			4
2	MSCAPY-302	Theory	Child Psychopathology	DSE	4			4
3	MSCAPY-303	Theory	Stress Management	CC	4			4
4	MSCAPY-304	Theory	Psychology of Technology: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	GEC	4			4
SESSIONAL								
5	MSCAPY-381	Sessional	Diagnostic Psychometry	CC			4	2
6	MSCAPY-382	Sessional	Minor Project	DSE			8	4
7	MSCAPY-383	Sessional	Critical thinking, Writing, and Presentation Skills	SEC	2			2
			Total					24



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SEMESTER IV (SPECIALIZATION: CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

Sl No.	Course Code	Type	Course Title	Course Type	Hours/Credit			
					L	T	P	C
THEORY								
1	MSCAPY-401	Theory	Counseling and Psychotherapy	DSE	4			4
2	MSCAPY-402	Theory	Applied Health Psychology	DSE	4			4
3	MSCAPY-403	Theory	Community Psychology	CC	4			4
SESSIONAL								
4	MSCAPY-481	Sessional	Major Project	DSE	4		8	8
5	MSCAPY-482	Sessional	Internship in hospital / clinical set up	DSE	0		0	4
				Total	24			



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Following are the curricular structure for the specialization of Industrial Psychology to be adopted at a later time.

SEMESTER III (SPECIALIZATION: INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY)

Sl No.	Course Code	Type	Course Title	Course Type	Hours/Credit				
					L	T	P	C	
THEORY									
1	MSCAPY-301	Theory	Organizational Behaviour	DSE	4			4	
2	MSCAPY-302	Theory	Human Resource Development and Management	DSE	4			4	
3	MSCAPY-303	Theory	Stress Management	CC	4			4	
4	MSCAPY-304	Theory	Psychology of Technology: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	GEC	4			4	
SESSIONAL									
5	MSCAPY-381	Sessional	Diagnostic Psychometry	CC			4	2	
6	MSCAPY-382	Sessional	Minor Project	DSE			8	4	
7	MSCAPY-383	Sessional	Critical thinking, Writing, and Presentation Skills	SEC	2			2	
				Total					24



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SEMESTER IV (SPECIALIZATION: INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY)

Sl No.	Course Code	Type	Course Title	Course Type	Hours/Credit			
					L	T	P	C
THEORY								
1	MSCAPY-401	Theory	Industrial Leadership and Training	DSE	4			4
2	MSCAPY-402	Theory	Counselling in industrial setup	DSE	4			4
3	MSCAPY-403	Theory	Community Psychology	CC	4			4
SESSIONAL								
4	MSCAPY-481	Sessional	Major Project	DSE	4		8	8
5	MSCAPY-482	Sessional	Industrial Internship	DSE	0		0	4
			Total					24