



This document outlines the supplemental application requirements for individuals seeking admission to the M.S. CyberPsychology (MS.CYP) degree program. Minimum academic requirements for Norfolk State University (NSU) are indicated [here](#). The NSU application for Graduate Studies can be found [here](#).

1. Academic Background

- a. Graduation from an accredited degree program is required and official transcript(s) indicating degree obtained, academic major, and degree obtained.
- b. International students must have their non-U.S. transcript professionally *evaluated* using any of the professional agencies that do this (e.g., see [here](#)). You may submit your application with an unofficial transcript from your university, although you will not be granted admission if conditionally accepted, until both your official university transcript and the evaluated transcript are received by NSU.
- c. There is no specific undergraduate academic major that is required, although preference will be given to applicants with an undergraduate background in psychological theory or social science research. All applicants should at minimum have familiarity with:
 - Introductory level psychological theory or application (such as basic principles of psychology, lifespan/human development, abnormal psychology, cyberpsychology)
 - Research Methodology (such as psychological or other social science research methods, quantitative / qualitative research design, experimental psychology)
 - Statistics (such as an applied stats for psychology or social science research; familiarity with using and understanding stats programs such as SPSS)
- d. The MS.CYP program is ***research-intensive***. If you do not have at least some knowledge of basic psychological theory and basic social science research methodology, you may find the program difficult to complete. You are encouraged to take additional preparatory steps to gain more experience prior to applying, in particular with psychological research design and quantitative statistical analysis.

2. Two letters of academic (or professional) recommendation

- a. If you recently completed an undergraduate or graduate degree (within approximately the last five years), it is expected that *at least one recommender* will be a professor or instructor with whom you have completed at least one course and who can attest to your academic performance and potential as a graduate student. Other recommendation(s) can be from workplace or research supervisors, or another individuals who know you in a **professional** capacity. *Recommendation letters from personal contacts (e.g., friends or family) will not be accepted.*
- b. The recommender **must** fill out the school's rating form at minimum (which is emailed to them when you provide their contact information in the online application), although it is ***highly recommended*** for recommenders to also write a personalized letter on your behalf. Uploaded letters must be in PDF format and signed (digitally or otherwise) by the recommender, and it must include their current contact information (phone and email at minimum).



- c. The recommendation letter should specifically attest to the applicant's academic or vocational performance, as well as the student's abilities and potential for success at the graduate level.

2. Grade Point Average (GPA)

- a. Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is highly preferred. Graduate GPA (minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) will be considered instead of, or in lieu of undergraduate GPA, whichever most benefits the applicant. However, all relevant official transcripts should be submitted with your application.
- b. Applicants whose GPA is below 3.0 may be considered at the discretion of the MS.CYP Program Coordinator and the Application Review Committee in situations where there is compelling evidence as explained in the Personal Statement, as well as two strong letters of recommendation from individuals uniquely qualified to attest to your potential **as a graduate student**.

3. Personal Statement

- a. The personal statement is written in a narrative form that addresses your specific interest in *cyberpsychology*, what attracted you to the program, what you believe will allow you to be successful in this program, and what you hope to achieve as a student. Keep in mind, the MS.CYP program is research intensive and requires a capstone project to graduate, and being able to express what skills, abilities and experiences you have will be important to convey.
- b. The statement should be proofread and with formatting that does not exceed 2 pages—double spaced, 12 pt. Times or Arial font, with 1" margins, .5" header and footer.

4. Current Resume or CV

- a. Your resume (or curriculum vitae) should outline your relevant skills, education, and/or work experience. **Please do not include a cover letter or employment objectives as you might do if you were submitting the resume as part of a job application.**
- b. Dates and locations for all activities should be indicated wherever necessary.
- c. Include any relevant school, work, internship, volunteer, or other experience that may potentially be relevant to demonstrate your preparedness for graduate level scholarship.