

TOP PSYCHOLOGY ENTRANCE EXAMS



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Psychology is a rapidly growing field with diverse career opportunities. From clinical practice to research and academia, understanding the right exams can guide aspiring professionals toward their chosen paths in psychology.

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Psychology Entrances for Undergraduate Students

1. CUET PG Psychology

The CUET PG is a national exam conducted by NTA, opening doors for MA or MSc Psychology programs. A master's degree is a crucial step for careers in psychology, making CUET PG a significant exam for undergraduates aiming for this path.

Eligibility: Any bachelor's degree.

2. GATE Psychology

Though primarily known for engineering, GATE also includes a psychology section, essential for MSc Cognitive Science or PhD in Psychology at IITs. The GATE score is even recognized in sectors like DRDO, ISRO, and BARC for scientific roles.

Eligibility: Any bachelor's degree.

3. GRE Psychology

The GRE Psychology Subject Test is key for students looking to pursue graduate psychology programs internationally, especially in the US, Canada, and other English-speaking countries.

Eligibility: Any bachelor's degree.

4. UPSC/State PSC Psychology Optional

Psychology can be selected as an optional subject in UPSC Civil Services exams and various State PSC exams. A high score in psychology can significantly boost candidates' overall scores.

Eligibility: Relevant undergraduate degree.

Psychology Entrances for Postgraduate Students

5. UGC NET JRF in Psychology

The UGC-NET qualifies candidates for roles as Assistant Professors and for the Junior Research Fellowship in universities and colleges. It's also a gateway to PhD admissions without entrance tests for qualified candidates.

Eligibility: Master's in Psychology with 55% marks.

6. M.Phil Clinical Psychology (RCI-recognized)

This course, overseen by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), is crucial for aspiring licensed clinical psychologists. Note: from 2026, it will be reclassified as MA (Clinical Psychology).

Eligibility: Master's in Psychology with 55% marks.

7. PDCP and PsyD in Clinical Psychology

The PDCP is a 1-year diploma for Associate Clinical Psychologist licensing, while the PsyD is a 4-year doctoral course for a full Clinical Psychologist license.

Eligibility: First-class Master's in Psychology.

8. State Commission (Assistant Professor) Exams

Many states hold exams for assistant professor positions through public service commissions. These roles provide good salaries and benefits, appealing to those interested in academia.

Eligibility: Master's in Psychology with 55%.

9. PGT Psychology Exams

For psychology graduates aiming to become post-graduate teachers, exams like the PGT Psychology Test align closely with UGC NET JRF syllabi, preparing candidates for school-level teaching roles.

Eligibility: Master's in Psychology with B.Ed or M.Ed.

The journey in psychology requires careful planning and the right qualifications. Each exam provides unique opportunities and pathways, from clinical practice to research and teaching. Evaluate your goals and choose the exams that align with your aspirations in the field of psychology.

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