

PSYCHOLOGY, MASTER OF ARTS (092)

Program Coordinator

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This program prepares students to pursue careers in clinical psychology and/or to enter a doctoral program.

Concentration(s)

- Clinical (MACL)

Program Admission

Applicants must have minimum scores of 146 Verbal and 141 Quantitative on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test (or equivalent score); and a minimum GPA of 2.75 with 3.0 in psychology courses. Applicants should have 18 hours in psychology classes, including one class (3 credit hours) in either Abnormal Psychology or Personality Psychology and one class (3 credit hours) in either statistics or research methods. Applicants should submit three letters of recommendation, transcripts, a psychology department application form, a personal statement describing professional interests and career goals, and the Graduate School application form. An interview may be required. Applicants must also submit an affidavit affirming that they have never been convicted or charged with a felony crime. Applications should be received by March 1st for priority consideration. Beyond the stated minimum requirements, selection is competitive.

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission>) of this catalog for Graduate School admission requirements.

Program Requirements (48 hours)

The clinical psychology concentration follows the scientist-practitioner model of training and prepares students to be successful performing both research and therapy. The degree offers a broad foundation for the professional who will render a wide variety of psychological services at the MA level and/or prepare students to pursue further education at the doctoral level. Clinical psychology graduates have the credentials necessary to pursue licensure in the state of Kentucky. Practicum and internship (9 hours) are required. A thesis is required. A criminal background check will be required of successful applicants during the first semester of graduate study at the applicant's expense. Grades lower than B may not be used to satisfy requirements for courses in the clinical training sequence (PSY 560, PSY 640, PSY 641, and PSY 660), or practicum and internship (PSY 562, PSY 592, and PSY 662). Practicum/internship sites may have additional requirements before allowing students to complete placements; these might include, but are not limited to, vaccinations, additional background checks, and health screenings.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PSYS 510 or EDFN 500	Advanced Research Methods in Psychology Research Methods	3
PSY 511 or PSYS 533	Psychology of Learning Advanced Topics in Cognition	3
PSYS 518 or EDFN 501	Statistics and Psychometric Theory Educational Statistics	3
PSY 520	Individual Differences and Human Diversity	3

PSY 541	Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology	3
PSY 560	Assessment of Individual Intellectual Functioning: Theories and Issues	3
PSY 562	Practicum in Psychological Assessment	3
PSY 592	Psychology Internship	3
PSY 646 or PSYS 552	Social Psychology for Applied Practice Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSY 640	Psychopathology	3
PSY 641	Theories of Psychotherapy	3
PSY 651 or PSYS 567	Clinical Neuropsychology for Applied Psychologist Advanced Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 660	Assessment of Personality and Socio-Emotional Functioning	3
PSY 662	Practicum in Psychology	3
PSY 599	Thesis Research	6
Total Hours		48