

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Degree Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

The M.A. in Clinical Psychology requires 60 credits of course work. At least 20 credits must be earned at the established graduate campus where the program is offered. Included in the core courses are 100 hours of clinical practicum, 600 hours of supervised internship experience, and a master's research paper completed in association with PSYC 530.

Psychology Core Courses (21 credits) provide a foundation in professional ethics, individual differences and cultural diversity, the scientific bases of behavior, and scientific research skills. These courses are intended to facilitate the development of an awareness of the context in which clients live and in which interventions must work and are grounded in research.

Clinical Core Courses (27 credits) provide a general background in clinical diagnosis, assessment, and interventions with appropriate supervised experience to allow students to develop the clinical skills appropriate for master's level practitioners.

Electives (9 credits) 400-level courses may be taken for graduate degrees and in this program may only account for nine credit hours total. The flexibility in offerings here allows students to meet licensing requirements in a variety of states.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		

Psychology Core Courses (21 credits)

PSYC 500	Ethics and Professional Practice in Psychology and Counseling	3
PSYC 501	Cultural Competency in Psychology	3
PSYC 502	Applied Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 424	Applied Social Psychology ^{Alternative to PSYC 502}	
PSYC 520	Research Methods	3
PSYC 521	Statistics	3
PSYC 524	Biological Basis of Behavior	3
PSYC 573	Career Counseling: Research, Assessment, and Intervention	3

Clinical Core Courses (27 credits)

PSYC 510	Human Development and Growth	3
PSYC 517	Psychopathology	3
PSYC 519	Theories and Models of Psychotherapy	3
PSYC 571	Tests and Measurements	3
PSYC 818	Interviewing and Counseling	3
PSYC 840	Group Interventions	3
PSYC 895A	Clinical Practicum	3
PSYC 895B	Clinical Internship	6

Electives (9 credits)

The list of approved elective courses is maintained by the graduate program office. The flexibility in course offerings allows students to meet licensing requirements in a variety of states.

Culminating Experience (3 credits)

PSYC 530	Research Paper	3
Total Credits		60

Grade-Point Average

Students must have a minimum 3.00 grade-point average to graduate from the program.