

PSYCHOLOGY PH.D. - CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

General Graduate Program Requirements

Graduate School policies and standards can be found on the Graduate School Policies page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/graduate/school-policies/>).

The minimum GPA for any graduate program is 3.0. Individual programs may require more than a 3.0 to remain in good standing.

The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward any requirement is C. Individual programs may require higher grades for specific courses.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY - PSYCHOLOGY; CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

- This program requires a minimum grade of B-.
- A Master of Arts degree is conferred on route to the terminal doctoral degree based on credits and completion of the MA Thesis Project.
- In the first year, and in addition to Psychopathology, Statistics, and Ethics, students take a course in Clinical Interviewing as well as a two-course sequence of Psych Eval I & Psych Eval II, where they learn intelligence testing, the use of objective tests, and begin report-writing
- In the second year, and in conjunction the study of clinical interventions, students begin direct clinical therapeutic contact & practice at the Clinical Psychology Center (<http://hs.umt.edu/cpc/>)
- Each semester, on a rotating basis, faculty offer Interventions or Special Topics courses in their specific treatment specialty, research area or methodology. Topics include: Multicultural Psychology, Family Psychology, DBT, Substance Misuse, Integrated Behavioral Health, Motivational Interviewing, and LGBTQ Issues.

Clinical Training

Training for our students includes both classroom instruction and direct clinical experience. Our students work with people of diverse backgrounds, lifestyles, and experiences and are trained to adapt to a rapidly changing service-delivery environment in mental health and human service arenas.

Much of our students' clinical training is done at the Clinical Psychology Center (CPC) (<http://hs.umt.edu/cpc/>) on the UM campus. In the second year of training, clinical PhD students enter practicum and begin seeing clients.

- The CPC is a training clinic, offering assessment, consultation, intervention, and psychotherapy services to the general Missoula community; clients receive services on a sliding fee scale
- Staffed by Clinical and School doctoral students, the CPC is the primary training site for both programs
- Clinicians are supervised by Department of Psychology clinical and school faculty members & licensed community psychologists
- Students take practica from a variety of supervisors and are exposed to a range of theoretical and applied points of view
- Some schools of thought represented in the techniques and approaches are: Cognitive-Behavioral, Psychodynamic, Emotion-Focused, Interpersonal Therapy, Functional Analytic

- Our student clinicians carry fairly small caseloads (typically 3 – 5 clients) in order to provide optimal care and have close supervision
- As they progress, student clinicians assume increasing responsibility for the care of their clients; they are encouraged in their development of case conceptualizations and treatment plans
- The CPC has therapy rooms for individual, group, family, child therapy, as well as assessment

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
PSYX 501	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYX 511	Professional Issues	1
PSYX 520	Advanced Psychological Statistics I	3
PSYX 521	Advanced Psychological Statistics II	4
PSYX 523	Research Design	3
PSYX 525	Psychological Evaluation I	3
PSYX 526	Psychological Evaluation II: Objective Approaches and Applications	3
PSYX 530	Clinical and Diagnostic Interviewing	3
PSYX 531	Principles of Psychological Intervention	3
PSYX 532	Advanced Psychopathology	3
PSYX 534	Applied Clinical Methods	17
PSYX 551	Advanced Personality	3
PSYX 555	Advanced Social and Developmental Psychology	3
PSYX 565	Advanced Cognition	3
PSYX 571	Advanced Physiological Psychology	3
PSYX 630	Ethics, Professional & Cultural Issues	3
PSYX 599	Thesis/Research Project	3
PSYX 631	Intervention	12
or PSYX 632	Current Clinical Topics	
or PSYX 535	Child Interventions	
or PSYX 536	Advanced Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	
or PSYX 537	Child Assessment	
PSYX 638	Clinical Psychology Internship	3
PSYX 699	Dissertation	6
Total Hours		85

Master of Arts - Psychology; Clinical Psychology Concentration

The University of Montana Department of Psychology does not admit students seeking only a master's degree; however, a Master of Arts degree is conferred on route to the terminal doctoral degree based on credits and completion of the MA Thesis Project and the requirements listed below.

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PSYX 525	Psychological Evaluation I	3
PSYX 526	Psychological Evaluation II: Objective Approaches and Applications	3
PSYX 530	Clinical and Diagnostic Interviewing	3
PSYX 531	Principles of Psychological Intervention	3
PSYX 532	Advanced Psychopathology	3
PSYX 534	Applied Clinical Methods	8
PSYX 630	Ethics, Professional & Cultural Issues	3
PSYX 599	Thesis/Research Project	3
PSYX 631	Intervention	3
or PSYX 632	Current Clinical Topics	
Complete 2 of the following courses:		6
PSYX 550	Advanced Social Psychology	
PSYX 551	Advanced Personality	
PSYX 555	Advanced Social and Developmental Psychology	
PSYX 565	Advanced Cognition	
PSYX 571	Advanced Physiological Psychology	
Total Hours		52