

# MA in Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology with Emphasis in Counseling Psychology

## Degree Requirements

The MU Masters program in Counseling Psychology provides students training and education in the scientist-practitioner philosophy that is consistent with most Counseling Psychology Ph.D. programs, including the one at MU. Students will complete core coursework in counseling psychology and receive clinical training in the form of practicum experience and research training through faculty labs, research teams, and other research projects. They will also be required to complete an independent research manuscript during their second year in the program. This program has more of a research focus than most counseling masters programs. The program is not designed for students interested exclusively in practicing at the masters level, and students who graduate from this program will not yet be license-eligible for a LPC in the state of Missouri (this would require additional coursework and training).

<b>GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY CORE</b>	<b>30</b>
The Helping Relationship	3
ESC_PS 8040      Counseling Methods and Practices	
Social and Cultural Foundations	3
ESC_PS 9000      Multicultural Issues in Counseling	
Counseling Theory	3
ESC_PS 7120      Theories and Techniques of Counseling	
ESC_PS 8060      Lifespan Development	
Career Development	3
ESC_PS 8135      Foundations of Career Psychology	
Professional Orientation	3
ESC_PS 8070      Ethical and Legal Issues in Psychological Practice	
Group Dynamics	3
ESC_PS 8110      Methods in Group Counseling	
Appraisal	6
ESC_PS 8082      Foundations of Educational and Psychological Measurement	
ESC_PS 8640      Interviewing, Diagnosis, and Assessment	
Statistics	3
ESC_PS 7170      Introduction to Applied Statistics	
<b>COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY CORE</b>	<b>21</b>
Research Methods	9
ESC_PS 8020      Overview of Research Methods	
ED_LPA 8957      Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I	
ED_LPA 9620      Qualitative Methods in Educational Research II	
ESC_PS 8850      Quantitative Foundations in Educational Research	
Independent Research	3
ESC_PS 8095      Research in Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology	

Practicum	3-6
ESC_PS 8940      Counseling Psychology Practicum ((Practicum I and II))	

## Sample Plan of Study

First Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR
ESC_PS 7120	3	ESC_PS 8040	3	ESC_PS 8110	3
ESC_PS 8135	3	ESC_PS 8020	3		
ESC_PS 8082	3	ESC_PS 8070	3		
ESC_PS 8640	3	ESC_PS 8850	3		
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ESC_PS 8090	3	ESC_PS 8060	3
ED_LPA 8957	3	ESC_PS 8090	3
ESC_PS 8940	3	ESC_PS 8940	6
ESC_PS 9000	4		
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**Total Credits: 52**

## Thesis/Non-Thesis Requirements

The thesis/research manuscript is a project that the student completes with his or her advisor and receives advisor approval. This project will serve as the student's comprehensive examination. Two additional committee members will be required to approve the project. The project can be either a comprehensive literature review (i.e., modeled after a review article one would see in a scholarly journal) or an independent research study written in manuscript form (i.e., introduction, method, results, discussion) or traditional thesis format. The topic of the project should be selected by the beginning of the student's second year in the program. The project is to be completed by the deadline date for comprehensive examinations, dissertations, and thesis in April of the student's second year.

## Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MA in Educational and Counseling Psychology program (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/degreecategory/educational-school-and-counseling-psychology/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.