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).

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY CORE

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 Foundations of Counseling Psychology
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

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY CORE

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

Sample Plan of Study

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Total Credits: 44-61

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 (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/educational-school-and-counseling-psychology/ma-med-or-edsp-in-educational-school-counseling-psychology.php) and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php). 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 Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.