

UM-ST. LOUIS GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Psychology with an Emphasis in Clinical Psychology

Degree Program

Coursework: A minimum of 80 semester credit hours of graduate coursework is required.

Qualifying Examination: After completing 24 credit hours or two years in the program, students take a written Comprehensive Examination in the form of the clinical Specialty paper or oral defense.

Clinicals: Three years of practica are required in the Psychology Department's community clinic. In addition, students are required to complete a one-year, 20-hour-per-week clerkship during the third or fourth year. During their fifth year, students complete a full-time, one-year internship in a program accredited by the American Psychological Association.

Dissertation: All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be accepted by the Department of Psychology and the Graduate School.

Program Website (applicant brochure available online in downloadable form)

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artscience/psychology/clinical/index.html>

Application Requirements

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>

2. Three letters of recommendation

3. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree with above-average performance in psychology courses.

4. Entrance examinations

a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).

b. International students are required to document English proficiency (<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).

5. Personal statement

Please submit a separate statement of your career objectives and your interests in clinical psychology. Indicate why you believe psychology would be a satisfying vocation for you, and what experiences you have had that directed your interest toward clinical psychology. Indicate the areas of research activity in which you are particularly interested, and which faculty member(s) may be the best fit as a potential research advisor.

6. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 2.75 on 4.0 scale (2.75 in psychology coursework).

7. CV

A curriculum vitae is required. Applicants may also submit samples of academic work. Please note that these should be copies since we cannot return them.

Please see the program website for information on the credentials of successful applicants.

Application Deadline

All application material must be received in the Graduate Admissions Office by December 15. Students are admitted for the fall semester and on a full-time basis only.

Application fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

Assistantships

All students accepted to the program are provided assistantships currently funded at a minimum of \$12,000 and tuition scholarships for educational fees for two years. After that other options are available.

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