

UMSL | Graduate School

Doctor of Philosophy

Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Psychology

Graduate 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 practice 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 Websites [applicant brochure available online in downloadable form]

- <http://www.umsl.edu/psychology/graduate-programs/clinical/index.html>
- Admissions Criteria/Brochure: https://www.umsl.edu/psychology/graduate-programs/clinical/applicant_brochure-2021.pdf

Application Requirements

1. Application - <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree with above-average performance in psychology courses.
3. Entrance examinations
 - a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
4. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale (3.0 in psychology coursework)
5. Personal statement – Follow instructions in Clinical Applicant Brochure
 - a. Write a statement of purpose that provides a statement of your career objectives and interests in clinical Psychology -Please read the section entitled "Philosophy of Research Training" in Clinical Psychology Applicant brochure before preparing your personal statement.
6. CV – Follow Instructions in Clinical Applicant Brochure
7. Three letters of recommendation – Follow Instructions in Clinical Applicant Brochure
 - a. The references should be from professors and other research and clinical supervisors who can comment in detail about your qualifications for graduate study in clinical psychology and who have agreed to serve as professional references

FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ITEMS 5-7 please refer to the Clinical Applicant Brochure pages 15-19.

Application Deadline

All application material must be received by **December 1st**. Students are admitted for the Fall Semester and on a full-time basis only.

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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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