

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

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 80 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- **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.

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. [UMSL Clinical Psychology Cover Sheet](#)
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
 - a. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree with above-average performance in psychology courses.
4. Entrance examinations:
 - a. The GRE General Test is not required but may enhance your application.
 - b. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
5. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
6. Personal Statement: 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 the [Clinical Psychology Applicant brochure](#) before preparing your personal statement.
7. Submit a current professional resume/CV
8. Writing Sample – Follow instructions in Clinical Applicant Brochure
9. Letters of Recommendation: 3 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.

Application Deadlines:

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

Application Fees:

\$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.

Graduate Program Director:

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