

# MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

## Program Description

The Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology is designed to produce Master's-level practitioners who are qualified to sit for licensure as Psychological Associates (LPA) by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. As such, the program is designed to produce effective practitioners and also prepares students for further graduate study and/or junior college teaching. The program provides 450 hours of supervised practicum experience and equips students with applied skills in psychometrics and professional intervention. With additional course work and work experience, graduates may also be eligible to sit for licensure as Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) in Texas.

There are both thesis and non-thesis options.

## Admissions

Students applying for admission to the M.A. in Clinical Psychology should submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript from the baccalaureate degree-granting institution
4. Personal statement
5. Three letters of recommendation
6. Official GRE scores
7. Official score report of the Advanced Psychology Test of the GRE (Recommended but not required)

Students should have a minimum of 18 hours of undergraduate psychology courses, including courses in psychology Research Methods and psychology Statistics, and a minimum GPA of 3.0. Ordinarily, the most useful letters of recommendation come from university faculty who are able to describe the applicant's potential for success in graduate study. The Department does not use a recommendation form but rather asks referees to send letters on their own letterhead. Please submit all documents to:

Office of Graduate Admissions  
Box 2478 SHSU  
Huntsville, TX 77341-2478

Students admitted to the Master's programs in Psychology at SHSU have average undergraduate GPAs in excess of 3.6 and percentile ranks in excess of the 55<sup>th</sup> percentile for both the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE. Those whose scores are not that high still may wish to apply. We recognize that students do not always demonstrate their potential for professional success through such traditional criteria. We seek promising students from all backgrounds who will enhance our program and, later, professional psychology. High test scores and grades do not guarantee acceptance, and students whose lower scores are offset by other exceptional qualifications may be admitted. In any case, all applications must be complete (with transcripts, GRE scores, letters, and a personal statement of interests and goals) before any admission decision is made.

Students are admitted each fall and are expected to begin their studies during the fall semester. The application deadline for admission is February 15. Complete applications are evaluated immediately after the deadline and offers of admission are made as quickly as possible. Please note that several of our admission requirements, policies, and deadlines differ from those of other programs at SHSU.

Inquiries about the Psychology Master's programs may be directed to:

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Department of Psychology and Philosophy  
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Information and materials are also available at [http://www.shsu.edu/~psy\\_www/GradMA.html](http://www.shsu.edu/~psy_www/GradMA.html).

## Degree Requirements

### Plan 1 - MA in Psychology-Clinical Psychology (Non-thesis Option)

#### Master of Arts in Psychology-Clinical Psychology (Non-thesis Option)

##### Specified Courses

PSYC 5330

Psychopathology

PSYC 5333	Thry & Rsch In Psychotherapy I	3
PSYC 5387	Advanced Statistics	3
PSYC 5394	Psychometrics	3
PSYC 5395	Assmt Of Intellgnc & Achievmt	3
PSYC 5396	Assmt-Personlty& Psychoptholgy	3
PSYC 6391	Practicum I	3
PSYC 6392	Practicum II	3
PSYC 6393	Practicum III	3
<b>Restricted Electives</b>		
PSYC 5332 or PSYC 5397	Advanced Social Psychology Adv Developmental Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 5334	Thry & Rsch Psychotherapy II	
PSYC 5336 or PSYC 5361	Advanced Cognitive Psychology Neuropsychopharmacology	
Select three of the following:		9
PSYC 5339	Advanced School Psychology	
PSYC 5361	Neuropsychopharmacology	
PSYC 5381	Advanced Learning Theory	
PSYC 5382	Adv Industrial/Org Psy I	
PSYC 5398	Advanced Child Assessment	
PSYC 6394	Practicum In Psychometrics	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two of the graduate courses in an approved field		6
Total Hours		48

## Plan 2 - MA in Psychology-Clinical Psychology (Thesis Option)

### Master of Arts in Psychology-Clinical Psychology (Thesis Option)

<b>Specified Courses</b>		
PSYC 5330	Psychopathology	3
PSYC 5333	Thry & Rsch In Psychotherapy I	3
PSYC 5387	Advanced Statistics	3
PSYC 5394	Psychometrics	3
PSYC 5395	Assmt Of Intellgnc & Achievmt	3
PSYC 5396	Assmt-Personlty& Psychoptholgy	3
PSYC 6391	Practicum I	3
PSYC 6392	Practicum II	3
PSYC 6393	Practicum III	3
<b>Restricted Electives</b>		
PSYC 5332 or PSYC 5397	Advanced Social Psychology Adv Developmental Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 5336	Advanced Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 5360	Adv Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 5381	Advanced Learning Theory	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two of the graduate courses in an approved field		6
<b>Thesis</b>		
PSYC 6098	Thesis I	3
PSYC 6099	Thesis II	3
Total Hours		45