

MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

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 community 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. Students partake in a capstone course typically during their last semester of the program.

There are both thesis and non-thesis options.

Students seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology must submit the following documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/transition.html>):

1. Graduate Application: (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>) The Graduate Application is an institutional application required by SHSU. Students must provide biographical and educational information and information relevant to determining State of Texas residency.
2. Application fee: (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>) An application fee is required for all applications to graduate programs at SHSU.
3. Transcripts documenting all prior degrees.*
4. Applicants who do not possess a graduate degree from an accredited institution are expected to have earned a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 from the accredited institution granting the undergraduate degree. Applicants who do not possess a graduate degree and have an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 are encouraged to provide an explanation for the applicant's low GPA and why the GPA is not indicative of the applicant's academic and professional potential in the Letter of Intent.
5. Letter of intent: The Letter of Intent is your opportunity to discuss your fit with the program offered at Sam Houston State University. While you have a significant amount of freedom to discuss anything you would like in your letter of intent, you may want to address your short-term and long-term academic/professional goals, why you would like to attend our program, and why your interests fit with our program.
6. Three letters of recommendation that discuss the applicant's suitability for graduate study. The most useful letters of recommendation come from university faculty who are able to describe the applicant's potential for success in graduate study.

*Applicants may submit unofficial transcripts for review by the admissions committee. However, under university policy, admission decisions are contingent upon receipt of official transcripts.

Students will be admitted for the Fall (no summer admissions). The application deadline for Fall enrollment is February 15.

Admission to the MA in Clinical Psychology program is competitive and the number of available positions is limited.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

In addition to the courses listed below, all students must complete a comprehensive examination near the end of their program. The details of the comprehensive examinations are set out in the Program Handbook.

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

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Arts in Psychology-Clinical Psychology (Non-thesis Option)		
Specified Courses		
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
Restricted Electives		
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	
Electives		
Select two of the graduate courses in an approved field		6
Total Hours		48

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

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Arts in Psychology-Clinical Psychology (Thesis Option)		
Specified Courses		
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
Restricted Electives		
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	
Electives		
Select two of the graduate courses in an approved field		6
Thesis		
PSYC 6098	Thesis I	3
PSYC 6099	Thesis II	3
Total Hours		45