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MA in Psychology

MA in Clinical Psychology

A candidate for the MA degree in psychology is required to complete 21 graduate credit hours in addition to nine thesis hours. The student must complete PSYC 301 and PSYC 302 and at least three graduate courses in the field of specialization. The remainder of the requirements can be chosen from other graduate-level courses in the department or in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, according to the student’s interest and with the consent of the adviser.

PSYC 301 Research Methods and Statistical Analysis I 3.0; 3 cr.
An advanced course in research design for the psychological sciences. The course covers experimental and non-experimental designs, as well as issues in cross-cultural psychological research. Annually.

PSYC 302 Research Methods and Statistical Analysis II 3.0; 3 cr.
An advanced course in statistical analyses for the social sciences. The course explores bivariate, multivariate and structural statistical analysis using SPSS the course combines both lecture and lab based sessions. Annually.

PSYC 303 Advanced Psychopathology I 3.0; 3 cr.
A critical appraisal of western and indigenous approaches to abnormal behaviors including anxiety disorders, culture-bound syndromes, mood disorders, personality disorders, eating disorders, sexual disorders, cognitive disorders (e.g., Alzheimer’s), schizophrenia, and substance-related disorders. Prerequisite: PSYC 217. Annually.

PSYC 304 Advanced Psychopathology II 3.0; 3 cr.
A course on the critical examination of childhood disorders including the disruptive behavioral disorders, the various anxiety and mood disorders, and the pervasive development disorders. Focus is placed on diagnosis and etiology including environmental and neurobiological influences of childhood psychopathology. Annually.

PSYC 305 Advanced Social Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.
A critical survey of social-psychological theory and research, with special emphasis on cross-cultural variations, the course covers topics in social cognition and group processes. Alternate years.

* Part time
PSYC 307  Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis  3.0; 3 cr.
A course on the history and method of assessment, and specific diagnostic techniques.  
Prerequisite: PSYC 217. Annually.

PSYC 309  Clinical Interventions I  3.0; 3 cr.
A course on theories and practices of individual psychotherapy. Students will be exposed to the various empirically validated approaches to psychotherapy including cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic and interpersonal approaches. Annually.

PSYC 310  Ethical and Professional Issues  3.0; 3 cr.
The purpose of this course is to provide an in-depth exploration of the ethical and professional issues in scientific and professional psychology generally, and clinical psychology in particular. Topics include confidentiality, informed consent, competence, integrity and social responsibility. 

PSYC 312  Clinical Interventions II  3.0; 3 cr.
A course on theories and practice of psychotherapy with families, couples and children. Students will gain a broad theoretical understanding of the various approaches to conducting family and couples therapy, including the Bowenian, family systems, structural, strategic, solution-focused, behavioral and psychodynamic approaches. Annually.

PSYC 313  Special Topics in Clinical Psychology  3.0; 3 cr.
The topic varies from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Alternate years.

PSYC 314  Psychopharmacology  3.0; 3 cr.
A course on the principles of neuropharmacology, neurochemical systems, and the current medications used to treat psychological disorders, including psychotic disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, eating disorders, drug addictions, conduct disorders, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Annually.

PSYC 315/317  Special Topics in General Psychology  3.0; 3 cr.
The topic varies from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

PSYC 319  Graduate Tutorial in Psychology  3.0; 3 cr.
May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: graduate standing and consent of instructor. Annually.

PSYC 395A/395B  Comprehensive Exam  0 cr.
Prerequisite: Consent of adviser.

PSYC 399  MA Thesis  9 cr.
Annually.