

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Program Objectives and Mission

The Department of Psychology offers a Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology. The mission of the doctoral program is:

1. To produce highly skilled, license eligible graduates who can function as both scientists and clinicians.
2. To increase the awareness, knowledge, and skills of students, faculty, and professionals in the area of multicultural psychology.
3. To support the progress of graduate students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds as well as immersing traditional graduate students in multicultural experiences within the community.
4. To provide field experiences designed to meet the diverse psychological, health, and service needs of ethnic minority populations.

Individuals aspiring to obtain a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology should be aware that the faculty, supervisors, and administrators have a professional, ethical, and potentially legal obligation to ensure that the students who complete this program are competent to manage future relationships (e.g., client, collegial, consulting, professional, public, scholarly, supervisory, teaching) in an ethical, effective, and appropriate manner. Because of this commitment, and with the parameters of the administrative authority, the Program Faculty, training staff, supervisors, and administrators strive only to admit, advance, graduate, or recommend student-trainees with demonstrable problems (e.g., cognitive, emotional, psychological, interpersonal, technical, and ethical) that may interfere with professional competence to other programs, the profession, employers, or the public-at-large.

Participants in this program will be guided by a curriculum anchored in the cumulative body of psychological knowledge with a firm basis in statistics, research design, and experimental methodology. The

program develops in the student, the knowledge and skills required for effective functioning as an empirically-oriented clinical psychologist in diverse settings. This is accomplished through a sequence of formal clinical courses, distinguished by in-depth exploration of multicultural issues and exposure to ethnic minority communities, including interdisciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration and consultation.

The process through which this mission will be accomplished is consistent with the goals and mission of Jackson State University as a comprehensive university. An essential part of the program are students and faculty who are committed to multicultural issues and who are comfortable with objective assessment and systematic intervention on both an individual and community level. The department strives to support students and faculty involved in basic and applied research, while providing a challenging intellectual environment.

Accreditation

The program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association. If you have questions about the graduate program's accreditation status or the accreditation process feel free to contact the responsible APA Office in writing or by Telephone:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
Education Directorate, American Psychological
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Admission Requirements

A major goal of our program is retention and graduation of admitted applicants who have the educational foundation, motivation, and personality characteristics required to successfully complete an intensive and rigorous doctoral program. Applicants who have passed the initial screening are required to participate in a personal interview conducted by the Doctoral Admissions Committee, interested faculty, and currently enrolled doctoral students. Admission is, of necessity, competitive. A limited number of slots (6 to 8) are available annually with entry in the fall semester only. Because of the competitive nature of the process, meeting minimal standards does not guarantee admission.

The minimum requirement for admission is a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least 24 semester hours of psychology coursework in these psychology subject domains: abnormal, developmental, experimental or research methods, learning or cognition, biological or physiological, personality, social, and statistics.

1. The applicant must provide official transcripts of all post-secondary academic work sent from

- institutions directly to the Clinical Psychology Admissions Committee.
2. The applicant must provide an official copy of the GRE test scores sent from ETS directly to the Admissions Committee. The program does not use specific GRE cut-off scores in the admission process, however, submission of GRE scores prior to the application deadline is required. The GRE subject test in Psychology is also preferred but not required.
 3. A completed and signed “Informed Consent to Participate in the Admissions Screening, Evaluation and Interview Process” form and the “Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Application.”
 4. A vita or resume must be submitted to the Admissions Committee.
 5. Three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to assess the applicant’s academic and professional potential must be submitted directly to the Admissions Committee. A minimum of two letters must be written by faculty members or faculty mentors familiar with your academic performance; the third letter may be written by qualified mentors who have supervised previous clinical or research work. Please send no more than four letters. All letters must be typed and accompanied by the “Clinical Psychology Evaluation and Recommendation Form.”
 6. An acceptable score of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must be submitted, if applicable.

The following application materials and other related information are available for download at www.jsu.edu/psychdept/gradapply/index.htm:

- a. Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Application;
- b. Clinical Psychology Recommendation and Evaluation Form;
- c. Clinical Psychology Assistantship Application;
- d. Clinical Psychology Program Brochure, and;
- e. Disclosure of Education and Training Outcomes Statement.

Using all admission data (applicant files, other publicly available documents and interview data) the Clinical Admissions Committee evaluates the prospective doctoral applicant along the following domains:

1. Academic aptitude for doctoral-level studies;
2. Understanding and appreciation of diversity issues;
3. Understanding and appreciation of the program’s requirements;
4. Previous professional or training experience in a clinical setting;
5. Previous research experience and dissemination history;
6. Psychological suitability to perform as a Clinical Psychologist;
7. Verbal communication skills;
8. Interpersonal relations skills;
9. Professional demeanor;

10. Evidence indicating a situation where admission to the program places the applicant or program faculty at risk for conflict with the Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct (APA, 2002);
11. If necessary, additional clarification of issues observed in the application materials.

Criminal background checks are not currently required as part of the admission process to the Clinical Psychology Program at Jackson State University. However, all applicants should be aware that the various agencies that provide practicum, externship and pre-doctoral internship training opportunities may require a criminal background prior to placement. These agencies are external to the University and may set or revise placement policies at any time; a background check with negative results could result in a student’s ineligibility for enrollment in clinical training courses. The Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology cannot be completed without the successful completion of all coursework.

Readmission to the Program

Inactive and/or former students of the program must consult with the Director of Clinical Training regarding current policies regarding readmission.

Transfer Credits

For students with previous coursework in psychology, a maximum of 15 credit hours (typically the equivalent to five courses that are three semester hours each) may be transferred provided that the coursework has been completed within eight years of the first enrollment. Any course transferred must be equivalent to 500 or 600 level courses at Jackson State University and should include coverage of pertinent multicultural issues commensurate with the program’s focus and expectations.

Program policy is to allow up to two of these courses to be transferred as satisfying specific course requirements listed under the General Core or Research Core. No more than one of these courses to be transferred as satisfying specific course requirements listed under the Multicultural/Diversity Core. Any remaining courses (no more than two) can be transferred as satisfying elective requirements. Any transfer courses to be considered as satisfying General Core, Research Core, or Multicultural Core requirements must have PSY or equivalent prefix. Equivalent coursework for the Clinical Core are not accepted for transfer credit.

Degree Requirements

The Ph.D. program is a full-time, on campus program typically requiring a minimum of five years of post-baccalaureate study, including the completion of Dissertation Research and a one-year, full-time predoctoral Clinical Internship. This five-year minimum may be shortened under certain circumstances, but in all cases a minimum residency requirement of three years must be met. Some courses will only be offered during summer sessions. A student is expected to complete all requirements for the Ph.D. degree and graduate within

eight years of the date of first registration. (At present the Department does not offer a Master's degree.)

The Ph.D. program requires 18 hours of General Core Courses, 16 hours of Research Core Courses, 23 hours of Clinical Core Courses, 9 hours of Multicultural/Diversity Core Courses, 20 hours of Practica and Externship Courses, 9 hours of Elective Courses, 9 hours of Dissertation Credit, and a one-year internship at an APA-accredited/APPIC-member pre-doctoral training program (during which the student registers for at least 2 hours of Internship Credit).

During the third year of study, the student must pass a written qualifying examination. The student must pass this examination to be admitted to candidacy for the Ph.D. The student must also pass an oral clinical-competency examination and defend their dissertation proposal before applying for a pre-doctoral internship position.

For a detailed explanation of program requirements consult the Department's *Policies and Procedures Handbook*.

Curriculum Outline

Course Title	Semester Hours
<u>I. General Core</u>	
PSY 710 Theories of Personality	3
PSY 711 Learning and Cognition	3
PSY 712 Advanced Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 713 Biological Psychology	3
PSY 714 Social and Cognitive Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 715 History and Systems	<u>3</u>
<i>Hours</i>	18
<u>II. Research Core</u>	
PSY 700 Research Seminar	1
PSY 730 Research Methods	3
PSY 731 Advanced Statistics I	3
PSY 732 Advanced Statistics II	3
PSY 733 Multivariate Methods I	3
PSY 734 Psychometrics	<u>3</u>
<i>Hours</i>	16
<u>III. Clinical Core</u>	
PSY 740 Psychopathology	3
PSY 742 Cognitive Assessment	3
PSY 743 Personality Assessment	3
PSY 750 Ethics in Psychology	1
PSY 751 Psychotherapy	3
PSY 752 Behavior Therapy	3
PSY 753 Group Therapy	3
PSY 756 Assessment Principles	<u>3</u>
<i>Hours</i>	23
<u>IV. Multicultural/Diversity Core</u>	
PSY 720 Cross-Cultural Psychology	3

The student must take 2 of the following courses:

PSY 721 Psychology of African-Americans	3
PSY 722 Psychology in the Urban Environment	3
PSY 723 Psychology of Gender	<u>3</u>
<i>Hours</i>	9

V. Practicum and Externships

PSY 735 Research Practicum I	1
PSY 736 Research Practicum II	1
PSY 760 Clinical Practicum I	3
PSY 761 Clinical Practicum II	3
PSY 762 Clinical Practicum III	3
PSY 764 Externship I	3
PSY 765 Externship II	3
PSY 766 Externship III	<u>3</u>
<i>Hours</i>	20

VI. Electives

The student must take 3 of the following courses:

PSY 741 Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence	3
PSY 744 Neuropsychological Assessment	3
PSY 745 Forensic Psychology	3
PSY 755 Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 770 Advanced Seminar	3
PSY 771 Human Sexuality	3
PSY 772 Health Psychology	3
PSY 773 Theory and Treatment of Addictive Disorders	3
PSY 774 Group Processes	3
PSY 775 Marital and Family Therapy	3
PSY 776 Neuro-Behavior Science	3
PSY 777 Multivariate Methods II	<u>3</u>
<i>Hours</i>	9

VII. Dissertation Research

PSY 790 Dissertation Research	<u>var.</u>
<i>Hours</i>	9

VIII. Predoctoral Internship

PSY 799 Internship	<u>var.</u>
<i>Hours</i>	2

Total Required Hours 106

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

PSY 700 Research Seminar* (1 hr) Reviewed and discussion of ongoing departmental research project; literature review of research topics of interest. The seminar is intended to assist the student in developing research ideas for implementation.

PSY 710 Theories of Personality (3 hrs) Consideration of the major theoretical orientations concerning personality and the evidential basis for each.

PSY 711 Learning and Cognition (3 hrs) Research and theory in human and animal learning, memory, and cognition.

PSY 712 Advanced Developmental Psychology (3 hrs) A study of the biological, social, and cultural factors affecting human development. A cross cultural perspective will be emphasized.

PSY 713 Biological Psychology (3 hrs) Physiological bases of learning and motivation; nervous system structure, function, and disorder in relation to behavior.

PSY 714 Social and Cognitive Bases of Behavior (3 hrs) Theory and research on attitude formation and change, attributional styles, prejudice, interpersonal perception, group dynamics, self regulation, and cognitive styles.

PSY 715 History and Systems (3 hrs) Historical evolution of psychology from philosophical antecedents to the development of major systems and theories.

PSY 720 Cross Cultural Psychology (3 hrs) An examination of research and practice regarding assessment and treatment of culturally diverse populations with particular emphasis on the cultural context of symptoms and causes of psychological disorders.

PSY 721 Psychology of African-Americans (3 hrs) A study of the psychological literature pertaining to the cultural, social, and political realities of African-Americans; a critical analysis of the development of Black Psychology and its contributions to clinical psychology.

PSY 722 Psychology in the Urban Environment (3 hrs) The city as an environment, personal space and territoriality, crowding, noise, crime, drugs, and other urban hazards. Special problems of minorities in urban setting.

PSY 723 Psychology of Gender (3 hrs) Research and theory regarding gender differences and similarities.

PSY 730 Research Methods (3 hrs) An in depth study of research methodology with emphasis on scientific thinking. The course covers basic within and between group experimental designs, mixed designs, single subject experiments, non experimental research (correlational methods, case studies, meta-analysis) and program evaluation. Research ethics are stressed. Further, students are encouraged to begin developing a topic for their second year paper.

PSY 731 Advanced Statistics I (3 hrs) Elements of probability theory, discrete and continuous random variables and their distributions, principles of estimation, hypothesis testing, introduction to regression and analysis of variance, computer applications.

PSY 732 Advanced Statistics II (3 hrs) Advance topics in regression and analysis of variance, analysis of covariance, non parametric procedures, computer applications, Prerequisite : PSY 731

PSY 733 Multivariate Methods I (3 hrs) Multivariate analysis of variance and covariance, canonical correlation, factor analysis, discriminant analysis, selected advanced topics. Prerequisites: PSY 731, 732.

PSY 734 Psychometrics (3 hrs) Theories of measurement; evaluation of psychological assessment processes; test construction, validation, uses, problems and social implications. Prerequisites: PSY 731, 732, or equivalent.

PSY 735 Research Practicum I* (var.) Supervised experience conducting a psychological research project. The student will review literature, conceptualize a research problem, formulate a research hypothesis and design a study to test it, execute the study, analyze the data, and write the second year paper. May be repeated.

PSY 736 Research Practicum II* (var.) Continuation of PSY 735. May be repeated. Prerequisite: PSY 735.

PSY 740 Psychopathology* (3 hrs) Etiology, epidemiology and dynamics of behavior and personality disorders: Theory, research, diagnosis and treatment. Introduction to DSM IV as a diagnostic tool.

PSY 741 Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence* (3 hrs) Patterns of maladjustment in childhood and adolescence with attention to the emotional, motivational, and intellectual consequence of cultural deprivation Prerequisite: PSY 740.

PSY 742 Cognitive Assessment* (3 hrs) Administration and interpretation of major intelligence tests and other cognitive instruments. Interpretation and report writing are emphasized.

PSY 743 Personality Assessment* (3 hrs) Theoretical, conceptual and methodological aspects of objective and projective personality assessment; integration of results into the written psychological test report.

PSY 744 Neuropsychological Assessment* (3 hrs) Administration and interpretation of selected neuropsychological tests and batteries. Prerequisites: PSY 714, 742, 743

PSY 745 Forensic Psychology* (3 hrs) Competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, expert witnesses, jury dynamics, and other applications of psychology within the legal system. Prerequisites: PSY 742, 743

PSY 750 Ethics in Psychology (1 hr) Professional and ethical issues affecting the practice of psychology. Focus will be on the development of sound ethical and professional standards in psychology practice, teaching, and research.

PSY 751 Psychotherapy* (3 hrs) Critical examination of principles, techniques, research, and theoretical models in psychotherapy.

PSY 752 Behavior Therapy* (3 hrs) Principles of behavior modification and their application in psychotherapy. Prerequisites: PSY 751.

PSY 753 Group Therapy* (3 hrs) Therapeutic procedures for small clinical groups, dynamics of clinical groups. Prerequisites: PSY 751, 752.

PSY 755 Psychopharmacology* (3 hrs) Physiological, psychological, and behavioral effects of psychoactive drugs with attention to those prescribed for psychiatric disorders. Role of the clinical psychologist in approaches combining drugs and psychotherapy. Prerequisite: PSY 714.

PSY 756 Assessment Principles In Clinical Psychology* (3 hrs) This course provides a comprehensive review of assessment principles, procedures, and empirically supported methods used by clinical psychologists in clinical, educational, and multicultural settings. Prerequisite: Advanced Standing.

PSY 760 Clinical Practicum I* (3 hrs) Supervised training and in interviewing and cognitive assessment. Prerequisites: PSY 740, 742, 743, 750.

PSY 761 Clinical Practicum II* (3 hrs) Supervised training and experience in personality assessment and Psychotherapeutic procedures. Prerequisite: PSY 760.

PSY 762 Clinical Practicum III* (3 hrs) Supervised training and experience in psychodiagnostics and psychotherapy. This course requires a minimum of ten clock hours per week. The student is expected to become

competent in interviewing, assessment, therapy, and case conceptualization. Prerequisite: PSY 761.

PSY 765 Externship I* (3 hrs) Supervised clinical experience in approved community, institutional, or hospital settings, Prerequisite: PSY 762.

PSY 766 Externship II* (3 hrs) Continuation of PSY 765. Prerequisite: PSY 765.

PSY 767 Externship III* (3 hrs) Continuation of PSY 766. Prerequisite: PSY 766.

PSY 770 Advanced Seminar (3 hrs) Selected topics. May be repeated.

PSY 771 Human Sexuality* (3 hrs) Biological, psychological, social, and cultural bases of human sexuality. Diagnosis and treatment of sexual dysfunctions and disorders.

PSY 772 Health Psychology (3 hrs) Psychological, social and cultural factors related to physical and mental disorders; impact of life style on health; significance of cultural values in diagnosis and treatment; clinical psychology in community health settings.

PSY 773 Theory and Treatment of Addictive Disorders* (3 hrs) Psychology of addiction: techniques and procedures for intervention and treatment.

PSY 774 Group Processes (3 hrs) Large and small group dynamics, theory and research concerning minority/majority group relations. Prerequisites: PSY 606

PSY 775 Marital and Family Therapy* (3 hrs) A study of psychotherapeutic practice and theory applied in the treatment of families and couples.

PSY 776 Neuro-Behavior Science (3 hrs) The brain in relation to cognition, perception, and judgment; analysis and comparison of normal and brain-damaged modes of functioning. Prerequisite: PSY 714.

PSY 777 Multivariate Methods II (3 hrs) Structural-equation models, log-linear models, and selected advanced topics based on student needs and interests. Prerequisite: PSY 733.

PSY 790 Dissertation Research* (var.) May be repeated. Corequisite: approved dissertation proposal.

PSY 799 Internship* (var.) Residency in an APA-accredited mental health setting. Prerequisites: All coursework, comprehensive exam, clinical-competency exam, and dissertation proposal. May be repeated.

**Courses marked by an asterisk are open only to students enrolled in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program or with permission of the instructor.*