

Master of Science in Counseling Psychology

M.S. Degree Program

The master's program in counseling psychology prepares individuals aspiring to work as counselors or in counseling-related fields or those hoping to proceed on into doctoral training. The curriculum provides a broad and general introduction to Counseling Psychology theory, research, and clinical practice. Those earning the MS in Counseling Psychology have a focus on mental health counseling.

Admission

For admission requirements, please see the Counseling Psychology M.S. (<https://epsy.ku.edu/academics/counseling-psychology/masters/details/>) page. International admission requirements, including English language proficiency requirements, can be found on the Graduate Admissions (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/International-requirements/>) page.

M.S. Degree Requirements

The mental health concentration requires about 60 credit hours of course work. Individuals wishing to become licensed professional counselors in Kansas need to meet additional requirements, described online (<https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/>). You also may wish to consult the American Counseling Association's website (<http://www.counseling.org/>) for additional information. Besides a core of work in counseling psychology (including counseling theory, career development, interviewing, assessment, group counseling, professional issues, and practicum), work is required in developmental psychology, research, and diagnosis and psychopathology. All students complete either a thesis, a research project, or a comprehensive examination. After entering the program, students should meet with an advisor to plan a schedule for completing degree requirements. Students in the Kansas City area may take a few courses at the KU Edwards Campus (<http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/>) in Overland Park.

M.S. Counseling Psychology - Comprehensive Exam option

Year 1

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 715 (Summer enrollment recommended, but can be taken in the fall)	3	EPSY 725	3	EPSY 825	3
		EPSY 740	3	EPSY 830	3
		EPSY 742	3	EPSY 841	3
		EPSY 880	3	EPSY 875	3
				EPSY 890	3
	3		12		15

Year 2

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 841	3	EPSY 705	3	EPSY 845	3
		EPSY 842	6	EPSY 956	3

EPSY 844	3	Elective	3
EPSY 846	3	EPSY 842	3
3	15		12

Total Hours 60

Masters of Counseling Psychology - Thesis option

Year 1

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 715 (Summer enrollment recommended)	3	EPSY 725	3	EPSY 825	3
		EPSY 740	3	EPSY 830	3
		EPSY 742	3	EPSY 841	3
		EPSY 846	3	EPSY 875	3
		EPSY 880	3	EPSY 890	3
	3		15		15

Year 2

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 841	3	EPSY 705	3	EPSY 842	6
		EPSY 710	3	EPSY 845	3
		EPSY 711	1	EPSY 956	3
		EPSY 842	3	EPSY 899	3
		EPSY 844	3		
	3		13		15

Total Hours 64

Masters in Counseling Psychology - Project option

Year 1

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 715 (Summer enrollment recommended, but can be taken in the fall)	3	EPSY 725	3	EPSY 825	3
		EPSY 740	3	EPSY 830	3
		EPSY 742	3	EPSY 841	3
		EPSY 880	3	EPSY 875	3
				EPSY 890	3
	3		12		15

Year 2

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 841	3	EPSY 705	3	EPSY 842	3
		EPSY 842	6	EPSY 845	3
		EPSY 844	3	EPSY 898	3
		EPSY 846	3	EPSY 956	3
	3		15		12

Total Hours 60

Students that wish to gain their PhD are encouraged to follow the following Master's programs:

Masters of Counseling Psychology - Ph.D. Aspirant Track - Comprehensive Exam option

Year 1

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 715 (Summer enrollment recommended, but can be taken in the fall)	3	EPSY 725	3	EPSY 825	3
		EPSY 740	3	EPSY 830	3
		EPSY 742	3	EPSY 841	3
		EPSY 880	3	EPSY 875	3
				EPSY 890	3
	3		12		15

Year 2

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 841	3	EPSY 705	3	EPSY 842	3
		EPSY 842	6	Elective (Statistics required)	3
		EPSY 844	3	Elective (EPSY 845 recommended)	3
		EPSY 846	3	Elective (EPSY 956 recommended)	3
	3		15		12

Total Hours 60

Masters of Counseling Psychology - Ph.D. Aspirant Track - Thesis option

Year 1

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 715 (Required)	3	EPSY 725	3	EPSY 825	3
		EPSY 740	3	EPSY 830	3
		EPSY 742	3	EPSY 841	3
		EPSY 846	3	EPSY 875	3
		EPSY 880	3	EPSY 890	3
	3		15		15

Year 2

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 841	3	EPSY 705	3	EPSY 842	6
		EPSY 710	3	Elective (Stats required)	3
		EPSY 711	1	EPSY 899	3
		EPSY 842	3		

EPSY 844	3	
3	13	12

Total Hours 61

Masters of Counseling Psychology - Ph.D. Aspirant Track - Project option

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		EPSY 740	3	EPSY 830	3
		EPSY 742	3	EPSY 841	3
		EPSY 880	3	EPSY 875	3
				EPSY 890	3
	3		12		15

Year 2

Summer	Hours	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EPSY 841	3	EPSY 705	3	EPSY 842	3
		EPSY 842	6	Elective (Stats required)	3
		EPSY 844	3	Elective	3
		EPSY 846	3	EPSY 898	3
	3		15		12

Total Hours 60