Psychology Graduate Programs
In the Greater Kansas City Area

Programs offered at the University of Missouri - Kansas City

Programs offered through the Department of Psychology

PhD in Experimental Health Psychology

Experimental Health Psychology at UMKC is a full-time program of graduate study. Didactic instruction is integrated with research from the beginning of students' training. Students are paired with a faculty mentor and become part of a lab where they learn how basic research is applied to practical problems and develop the knowledge and skills to carry out original research. These experiences are graded in complexity and designed to foster the development of cumulative knowledge and skill as the student progresses through the program.

The Experimental Health Psychology program curriculum is designed to provide students with a common core of knowledge in the following areas:

- Scientific psychology;
- Research methods, techniques of data analysis, and psychological measurement;
- Empirical, methodological, and theoretical foundations of individual and community health psychology

In addition, students complete a Master's Thesis, pass Comprehensive Examinations prior to candidacy for the doctoral degree, and complete a dissertation leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Psychology degree.

Areas of study representing core faculty research include:

- Social cognition and health
- Health in diverse communities
- Adolescent development
- Neuropsychology and applied neuroscience
- Cognitive aging
- Psychophysiology in cognition and mental health

PhD in Clinical Psychology

The Clinical Psychology PhD is a full time, APA-accredited graduate program designed to provide students with both education in scientific research practices, as well as clinical experience with an emphasis on health psychology. Students who apply for this program have interests in pursuing careers in academia, research, and medical settings. Students are trained in the areas of assessment, psychotherapy, ethics, quantitative analysis, research methods, psychopathology, biopsychology, and health psychology. Students also complete several clinical practica in a variety of settings, including hospitals and community mental health centers. Research is greatly emphasized in this program. The program is designed to be completed in five years of full-time commitment.

See: Clinical PhD in Psychology web site

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Programs offered through the School of Education

MA in Counseling and Guidance

This program prepares students for a career in counseling. Students who complete this degree typically seek employment in a variety of settings, including community mental health centers, schools, and private practice settings. Students choose from four emphasis areas: Couples and Family Counseling, Gerontological Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, and School Counseling (K-12). Students complete two semesters of supervised practicum and internship. The program is designed to allow working professionals to schedule class times around job obligations. Full-time students can complete their degree within 2 ½ to 3 ½ years.
For more information contact Nancy Murdock, PhD at 816-235-2495 or murdockn@umkc.edu. You can also contact Debra Woodard at 816-235-6368 or woodardd@umkc.edu

Masters of Arts in Counseling and Guidance web site

PhD in Counseling Psychology
The Counseling Psychology PhD is a full time, APA-accredited graduate program following the scientist-practitioner education model. The program is designed to provide students with a rigorous education in scientific research practices as well as clinical experience. As such, students are expected to be both consumers and creators of research, actively engaging in long-term research projects which culminate in their final dissertations. Additionally, program emphasizes multicultural competency and students enrolled in the program are expected to embrace cultural and individual diversity in order to be ethical and flexible professionals. Students who graduate from this program typically work in academia, university counseling centers, hospitals, clinics, and private practices. Students typically complete their degree in six years of full-time commitment.

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Graduate Programs offered at Other Regional Universities

Avila University
Masters of Science in Counseling Psychology
Masters of Science in General Psychology
For more information contact Robin Schluter, M.H.A. Director of Graduate Psychology at 816-501-2969 or robin.schluter@avila.edu
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Kansas State University
M.S. and PhD in Counseling and Student Development
For more information contact the College of Education at 785-532-5595 or coegrads@ksu.edu
College of Education
6 Bluemont Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506
M.S. and PhD in Psychology
For more information contact the Department of Psychology at 785-532-6850 or psych@ksu.edu
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492 Bluemont Hall
Manhattan, Kansas 66506

MidAmerica Nazarene University
Master of Arts in Counseling
For more information contact Aileen Douglas, M.B.A. at 913-971-3449 or adouglas@mnu.edu
School of Education and Counseling – Graduate Adult Admissions
2030 East College Way
Olathe, KS 66062

Northwest Missouri State
Masters of Science Education in Guidance and Counseling
For more information contact Dr. Shelly Hiatt at 660-562-1287 or hiatt@nwmissouri.edu
Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Counseling
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University of Central Missouri
Masters of Science in Psychology
For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Smith at 660-543-4378 or jsmthj@ucmo.edu
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Warrensburg, MO 64093
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**Masters of Arts in Counselor Education**
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**University of Kansas**
**M.S. and PhD in Counseling Psychology**
**M.S.E. and PhD in Educational and Research Psychology**
For more information e-mail preadmit@ku.edu or call 785-864-3931
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**Department of Psychology**
**Doctoral Program in Psychology**
For more information e-mail psycgrad@ku.edu or call 786-864-4195
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**University of Saint Mary**
**Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology**
**Master of Arts in Psychology**
For more information contact Dr. Nancy King at 913-758-6103 or KingN@stmary.edu
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**Washburn**
**Master of Arts in Psychology with an Emphasis on Clinical Skills**
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