

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PH.D. IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

In addition to the departmental requirements described in the Department of Psychology's Handbook of Rules and Regulations Governing Graduate Education, requirements for the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology include the following:

**Four Core Courses Completed in the First Five Semesters.** Psy 851 (Psychopathology) and Psy 855 (History and Systems) are required of all clinical students. The remaining two core courses are to be selected from the following courses: Psy 809 (Behavioral Neuroscience), Psy 808 (Cognitive Psychology), Psy 837 (Developmental Psychology), and Psy 847 (Social Psychology), Psy 805 (Learning and Behavior Theory).

**Clinical Psychology Area Required Content Courses.** Psy 557 (Clinical Psychology: Scientific & Professional Dimensions), Psy 554-555 (Psychological Assessment I and II), Psy 661 (Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies and Empirically-Supported Therapies), Psy 664 (Research Methods in Clinical Psychology), and Psy 760 (Multicultural Issues in Clinical Psychology).

**Clinical Psychology Topical Seminars.** Two Clinical Psychology topical seminars (Psy 761, 762, or 763) selected from offerings that vary from semester to semester (e.g., Affective Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Developmental Psychopathology, Grant Writing). Courses with numbers other than Psy 761-763 will be considered as meeting this requirement only on prior petition to (and approval by) the Clinical Psychology Faculty.

**Clinical Psychology Case Conferences.** Required of all students in their first 4 years (with the exception of 4<sup>th</sup> year students who may be on community placement when Case Conferences are scheduled). Case Conferences fulfill a variety of important program functions, including meetings of the Director of Clinical Training or Clinical Faculty with the graduate student body, training in various Psychological Services Center procedures, and exposure of students to guest speakers and various topics including, but not limited to, ethical issues, multicultural and individual diversity, consultation and supervision, and training in empirically supported treatments.

**Departmental Electives.** Two additional elective courses must be taken outside the Clinical Psychology Area but within the course offerings of the Department of Psychology.

**Clinic Teams.** Students must be enrolled in a "clinic team" (Clinical Practicum; Psy 655-658) for each of the 4 semesters of their second and third academic years in the Clinical Psychology Area. While on a clinic team, students receive training and experience in the assessment and psychological treatment of clients at the Department of Psychology's Psychological Services Center. Each semester, students' preferences for clinic team supervisors are solicited, and the Director of the Psychological Services Center and the Director of Clinical Training arrange team assignments, taking student's preferences and past clinic team assignments into account. Additional clinic team experiences are available during summers, but summer teams do not satisfy the clinic team requirement. During a student's fourth year, arrangements may be made for an optional practicum in a community setting on the approval of the student's advisor and the Director of Clinical Training.

Pre-dissertation Research Project. This project must be completed by April 15th of the student's 2nd year in the program. It is supervised and must be approved by a member of the Department of Psychology faculty. The student presents a synopsis of the pre-dissertation research project at a research day in the fall semester of the following year. Students wishing to obtain a Master's degree prior to completing the Ph.D. may use this research as the basis for a Master's thesis.

The Preliminary Examination. A written paper with an oral examination is required. The paper should be a critical review and synthesis of the literature in the student's specific area of interest, defined in consultation with the student's primary advisor and substantively related to the topic of the student's dissertation. It should be modeled after published literature reviews in the field and evaluated by the criteria applied to reviews that are submitted for publication to scholarly journals. The preliminary examination paper and oral examination must be successfully completed before October 15th of the student's fourth year in order for the student to apply for an internship placement in the following year. The student should be enrolled in Psy 799 ("Preliminary Examination") in the semester of the oral examination.

Dissertation Proposal. A written proposal for the Dissertation research must be presented to the student's Doctoral Advisory Committee. Like the Preliminary Examination, the Dissertation Proposal must be successfully completed before October 15th of the student's fourth year in order for the student to apply for an internship placement in the following year.

Internship. A 2000 hour predoctoral internship is completed in the fifth or sixth year. The Internship site supplies a mid-year and end-of-year evaluation of the student, which becomes a part of his/her graduate record. A student must be continuously registered and therefore should register for 1 credit for internship during semesters when he/she is off campus. A total of 2 internship credits are required for graduation. The Clinical Psychology Area requires an internship approved by the American Psychological Association.

The following table presents the likely sequence of courses to be taken in pursuit of the Ph.D. in clinical psychology:

<b><u>FALL SEMESTER</u></b>	<b><u>SPRING SEMESTER</u></b>
<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR</b>            Statistics 1            Psychological Assessment 1            Clinical Psychology: Scientific &amp; Professional Dimensions            Core Course 1            Departmental Proseminar            Clinical Psychology Case Conference</p>	<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR</b>            Statistics 2            Psychological Assessment 2            Psychopathology (Core Course 2)              Research Methods in Clinical Psychology            Departmental Proseminar            Clinical Psychology Case Conference</p>
<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR</b>            Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies and ESTs            Clinic Team 1            Core/Clinical Topical Seminar/Dept. Elective            Clinical Psychology Case Conference</p>	<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR</b>            Multicultural Issues in Clinical Psychology            Clinic Team 2            Core/Clinical Topical Seminar/Dept. Elective            Clinical Psychology Case Conference</p>
<p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR</b>            Clinic Team 3            Core/Clinical Topical Seminar/Dept. Elective            Clinical Psychology Case Conference</p>	<p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR</b>            Clinic Team 4            Clinical Topical Seminar/Dept. Elective            Clinical Psychology Case Conference</p>
<p><b>4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>            Dissertation Research            Clinical Psychology Case Conference (unless on external practicum)</p>	<p><b>4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>            Dissertation Research            Clinical Psychology Case Conference (unless on external practicum)</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> YEAR</b>            Internship</p>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> YEAR</b>            Internship</p>

Notes. (1) There is no core course included in the Spring of 3<sup>rd</sup> year because cores are supposed to be finished by the end of the fifth semester. (2) Some flexibility in scheduling is required in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years for the students to balance the availability of desired courses and the number of courses taken at any one time. Clinical Topical Seminars or Department Electives listed in the third year may be taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year by some students. (3) Clinic Teams taken in summer do not satisfy program requirements.