

# CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

## APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Update Curriculum for Clinical Psychology M.A. Program

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Psychology

### DEPARTMENT CHAIR

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I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.



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### COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

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### COLLEGE DEAN

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

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## GRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

**Date:** February 15, 2019

**From:** James M. Wood, Ph.D., Graduate Program Director, Department of Psychology

**Through:** Edward Castaneda, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Psychology

**Through:** Denis O'Hearn, Ph.D., Dean, College of Liberal Arts

**To:** Amy Wagler, Ph.D., Chair, Graduate Council

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The purpose of this proposal is to update the degree Plan for the Clinical Psychology M.A. program in the UTEP Psychology Department. During the past 25 years, there has been a substantial shift in the professional opportunities open to the graduates of this program. In the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s, many students who graduated from our M. A. Clinical Psychology program became licensed as Psychological Associates in Texas and were hired to administer IQ tests and other psychological tests. During the past decade, however, very few of our graduates have found employment of this type. Instead, our graduates are usually (a) hired as research assistants or data analysts, due to their unique mix of clinical knowledge and statistical training, (b) continue on to Ph.D. programs in Clinical Psychology, Counseling, or related fields, or (c) find work delivering psychological interventions in mental health, health, or criminal justice agencies.

We would like to change the curriculum for the Clinical Psychology M.A. program so that it better prepares our graduates for their future career paths. The present curriculum already provides our students with strong statistical and research skills that help them as they continue on to graduate school or jobs as researchers. However, the four "Core Clinical" courses required of all students in the program need to be revamped to prepare our students for the opportunities open to them. Accordingly, the Clinical Psychology faculty have approved the following changes to the "Core Clinical" courses and now request the approval of these changes by the COLA Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council:

1. There are currently four required Core Clinical Courses in the Clinical Psychology MA curriculum:

- PSYC 5309/6309 Seminar in Psychopathology
- PSYC 5321/6319 Seminar: Personality Assessment
- PSYC 5322/6322 Theories/Methods Psychotherapy
- PSYC 5333/6333. Seminar-- Intell/Neuropsych Asmt

**2. Two of the current Core Clinical Courses focus on psychological testing and assessment: PSYC 5321/6319 Seminar: Personality Assessment and PSYC 5333/6333 Seminar -- Intell/Neuropsych Asmt. We recommend replacing these two courses with a single course on psychological testing: PSYC 5318/6318 Seminar in Psych Assessment. This new course was approved by the COLA Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council in Spring 2018. It focuses on the scientific basis of psychological tests and teaches students how to evaluate and choose the best tests for research and applied purposes.**

**3. One of the current Core Clinical Courses focuses on the principles of Psychotherapy: PSYC 5322/6322 Theories/Methods Psychotherapy. We recommend replacing this course with a course that focuses more broadly on psychological interventions in health care, mental health, and criminal justice settings: PSYC 5317/6317 Behav/Mental Hlth Intervention. This new course was also approved by the COLA Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council in Spring 2018.**

**4. One of the current Core Clinical Courses focuses on the characteristics of psychological disorders and how to diagnose them: PSYC 5309/6309 Seminar in Psychopathology. We recommend retaining this course as one of the Core Clinical Courses.**

**5. In addition to the three Core Clinical Courses recommended in the previous paragraphs (PSYC 5318/6318 Seminar in Psych Assessment; PSYC 5317/6317 Behav/Mental Hlth Intervention; PSYC 5309/6309 Seminar in Psychopathology), we recommend that students be required to select a fourth course from a menu of topics on "Clinical Issues/Research Methods." Some of the courses on this menu are intended to introduce the students to mental health issues in Legal Psychology or Health Psychology. Other courses on the menu are intended to deepen students' statistical and research skills. Students may select the course from the menu that is most consistent with their career plans.**

**6. Students in the Clinical Psychology M.A. program are currently required to take two "Breadth courses," that provide them with a grounding in the basic scientific areas of psychology, such as Cognitive Psychology or Social Psychology. We recommend that this requirement be retained. Some courses have been added or deleted from the menu of Breadth courses to reflect changes in the courses offered by the Psychology Department.**

**7. No other substantive changes are proposed to the curriculum for the Clinical Psychology M.A. program. Any additions or deletions to the course list, except for those outlined in paragraphs 1 to 5, simply reflect the fact that the Psychology Department has added some classes and dropped others during the years since the list was last updated.**

**8. The changes recommended in the preceding paragraphs, including addition and deletion of courses, are incorporated into the Degree Plan on the following pages, which was created by modifying the Degree Plan for the Clinical Psychology M.A. program in the current Graduate Catalogue.**

# M.A. in Clinical Psychology

## Degree Plan

Required Credits: 45

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MA in Clinical Psychology (All courses require a grade of C or better)</b>		
Required Courses:		
PSYC 5309	Seminar in Psychopathology	3
<u>PSYC 5317</u>	<u>Behav/Mental Hlth Intervention</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>PSYC 5318</u>	<u>Seminar in Psych Assessment</u>	<u>3</u>
<del>PSYC 5310</del>		
<del>PSYC 5311</del>		
<u>PSYC 5307</u>	<u>Appl Correlation &amp; Regres Method</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>PSYC 5308</u>	<u>Experimental Design/Anal of Var</u>	<u>3</u>
<del>PSYC 5324</del>	<del>Seminar: Personality Assessment</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>PSYC 5322</del>	<del>Theories/Methods Psychotherapy</del>	<del>3</del>
PSYC 5323	Psychometrics	3
<del>PSYC 5333</del>	<del>Seminar Intell/Neuropsych Asmt</del>	<del>3</del>
<u>PSYC 5395</u>	<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>PSYC 5396</u>	<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>
PSYC 5360	Clinical Internship	3
Required Electives:		
<u>Breadth Courses.</u> Select two courses from the following:		6
<del>PSYC 5330</del>	<del>Social Behavior</del>	
PSYC 5356	Scientific Writing	
PSYC 5371	Animal Learning & Behavior	
<del>PSYC 5372</del>	<del>Behavioral Neuroscience</del>	
<del>PSYC 5374</del>	<del>Cognitive Psychology</del>	
PSYC 5376	Developmental Psychology	
<del>PSYC 5327</del>	<del>Seminar:Soc/Cultrl Psych</del>	
<del>PSYC 5357</del>	<del>Seminar: Psychology</del>	
<del>PSYC 5367</del>	<del>Seminar:Cognitive Psych</del>	
<del>PSYC 5377</del>	<del>Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci</del>	

Code	Title	Hours
<u>Clinical Issues, Research Methods: Select one course from the following:</u>		<u>3</u>
<u>PSYC 5342</u>	<u>Special Topics in Psychology &amp; Law</u>	
<u>PSYC 5343</u>	<u>Clinical Issues in Legal Psychology</u>	
<u>PSYC 5344</u>	<u>Survey of Legal Psychology</u>	
<u>PSYC 5351</u>	<u>Behavioral Medicine</u>	
<u>PSYC 5302</u>	<u>Structural Equations Modeling</u>	
<u>PSYC 5303</u>	<u>Seminar in Meta-Analysis</u>	
<u>PSYC 5312</u>	<u>Program Evaluation</u>	
<u>PSYC 5334</u>	<u>Foundations of Research</u>	
<u>Psychology Electives:</u>		
<u>Select nine hours from the following:</u>		<u>9</u>
PSYC 5010	Quantitative Cert Suppl Req	
PSYC 5302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 5303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 5304	Categorical Data Analysis	
<u>PSYC 5305</u>	<u>Multilevel Modeling</u>	
PSYC 5306	Attitudes-Attitude Measurement	
<u>PSYC 5312</u>	<u>Program Evaluation</u>	
PSYC 5315	Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 5325	Spc Top in Health Psychology	
<u>PSYC 5327</u>	<u>Seminar: Soc/Cultrl Psych</u>	
<u>PSYC 5328</u>	<u>Spcl Topics: Soc/Cultrl Psych</u>	
<del>PSYC 5330</del>	<del>Social Behavior</del>	
PSYC 5331	Cross-Cultural Rsrch Methods	
PSYC 5334	Foundations of Research	
PSYC 5335	Research Design/Data Analysis	
PSYC 5342	Special Topics in Psyc. & Law	
<u>PSYC 5343</u>	<u>Clinical Issues in Legal Psychology</u>	
PSYC 5344	Survey of Legal Psychology	
PSYC 5351	Behavioral Medicine	
PSYC 5352	Public Hlth/Comm Intervention	
<del>PSYC 5355</del>	<del>Seminar in General Psychology</del>	
PSYC 5356	Scientific Writing	
<u>PSYC 5357</u>	<u>Seminar: Psychology</u>	

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<u>PSYC 5358</u>	<u>Spcl Topics: Psychology</u>	
<u>PSYC 5360</u>	<u>Clinical Internship</u>	
<u>PSYC 5367</u>	<u>Seminar:Cognitive Psych</u>	
<u>PSYC 5368</u>	<u>Spcl Topics: Cognitive Psych</u>	
PSYC 5371	Animal Learning & Behavior	
<del>PSYC 5372</del>	<del>Behavioral Neuroscience</del>	
<del>PSYC 5374</del>	<del>Cognitive Psychology</del>	
PSYC 5376	Developmental Psychology	
<u>PSYC 5377</u>	<u>Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci</u>	
<u>PSYC 5378</u>	<u>Spcl Topics: Behavrl Neurosci</u>	
PSYC 5385	Research Applications	
<u>PSYC 5396</u>	<u>Thesis</u>	
PSYC 6010	Quantitative Cert Suppl Req	
PSYC 6302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 6303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 6304	Categorical Data Analysis	
<u>PSYC 6305</u>	<u>Multilevel Modeling</u>	
PSYC 6306	Attitudes-Attitude Measurement	
<del>PSYC 6307</del>	<del>Appl Correlation &amp; Regres Meth</del>	
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<del>PSYC 6333</del>	<del>Seminar-Intell/Neuropsych Asmt</del>	

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PSYC 6334	Foundations of Research	
PSYC 6335	Research Design/Data Analysis	
PSYC 6342	Special Topics in Psyc & Law	
<u>PSYC 6343</u>	<u>Clinical Issues in Legal Psychology</u>	
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PSYC 6371	Animal Learning & Behavior	
<del>PSYC 6372</del>	<del>Behavioral Neuroscience</del>	
<del>PSYC 6374</del>	<del>Cognitive Psychology</del>	
PSYC 6376	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 6377	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci	
PSYC 6378	Spcl Topics: Behavrl Neurosci	
PSYC 6380	First Year Research	
PSYC 6381	First Year Research	
PSYC 6385	Research Applications	
PSYC 6390	Field Placement	
<del>PSYC 6395</del>	<del>Thesis</del>	
PSYC 6396	Thesis	
<del>PSYC 6398</del>	<del>Dissertation</del>	
<del>PSYC 6399</del>	<del>Dissertation</del>	
<del>Thesis:</del>		
<del>PSYC 5395</del> & <del>PSYC 5396</del>	<del>Thesis</del> <del>and Thesis</del>	6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>45</b>