



General TAMIU Information

TAMIU's campus represents more than a \$170 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses on the first new campus in Texas in over 20 years.

Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border which affords you immense opportunities for international, comparative, and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities.

Our classrooms and facilities incorporate the latest trends in the evolving internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free Internet. Ten computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 10 to 1.

You can also work in our modern media center to make multi-media and audio-video presentations while the University's Computer and Telecommunications Services department offers you extensive technology training.

Another essential element in your graduate study at TAMIU is the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library, the cornerstone of our on-campus support centers and recently completed a \$4.5 million addition to its collection.

How Do I Apply?

- Complete and submit University application to the Office of Admissions and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Registrar's Office.
- All applications can be downloaded from <http://www.tamiau.edu/coas/gradstudies>
- Submit undergraduate transcripts to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- Completion of at least 3 of the 4 prerequisite undergraduate courses: Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences (PSYC 3302), Psychology of Personality (PSYC 4301), Abnormal Psychoogy (PSYC 4303), and Theory and Principles of Psychological Testing (PSYC 4308).
- Personal statement.
- 3 letters of recommendation.
- Interview with psychology faculty.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Spring application deadline is November 1; Fall application deadline is April 1.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:

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MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY



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Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

About Our Program

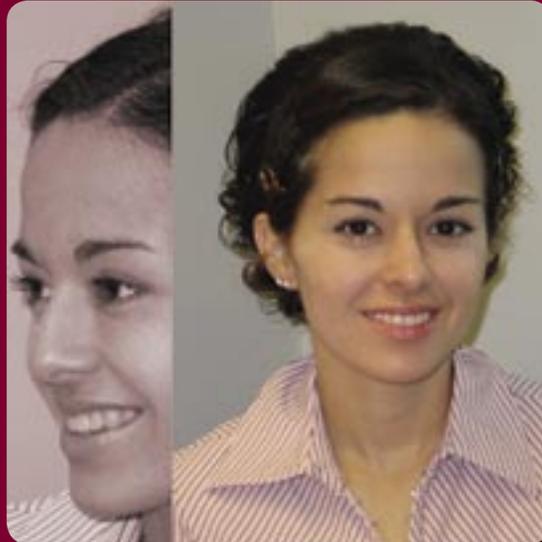
The mission of the Masters of Arts program in Counseling Psychology (MACP) at TAMU is to prepare you to become a professional counselor or psychology associate. As a student in our program you will learn how to utilize preventive strategies to promote mental health as well as creatively identify, address and serve the counseling needs of the communities and individuals in multicultural contexts, such as the growing populations along the border of the United States and Mexico. We train students to value all cultures and thus you will learn to respond sensitively to the special issues of life in border communities. After completion of the program, you will be eligible to take the Texas Exam as Licensed Professional Counselor Intern or the Psychology Associate Exam.

While students of the MACP program typically live and work in the border region, students throughout the world are welcome within our program and our "international" university. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked TAMU a Tier II higher education institution in 2002. This has spurred interest from out-of-state applicants. Many of our students are adults returning for an advanced degree after working in community agencies. Other students tend to be younger and may come directly from undergraduate degrees. Some students are enrolled full-time and others part-time. If you are a full-time student, you can complete the program in two years; if you attend part-time it may take three to four years to complete the program. Either way, you would join a very multicultural mix of students in the MACP program. Most of our students are Mexican-American, but others have come from as far as Africa and Hong Kong. You would join about 25 students who are enrolled in the program each year.

Why Should You Come Here?

The MACP program at TAMU offers a wonderful opportunity to work with Mexican-Americans. As Hispanics are one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the United States, your experience in our bicultural community will assist you wherever you want to practice in the United States. You also have an exciting opportunity to become bilingual or polish your Spanish language skills. Also, living on the border allows you to visit Mexico and even take a course or two there.

We typically admit 12 to 15 new MACP students per year, which allows us to effectively mentor our students and help them plan their future careers as professional counselors. A bilingual certification within the MACP plan is being discussed and may be offered in the near future. This certification would certainly make our graduates highly attractive in today's increasingly diverse communities.



"I cannot express in words the experience I have had as a graduate student. The MACP program has afforded me not only the intellectual level of growth I will need for my future career but also a sense of intense positive personal growth that I will use long after my career is over.

I have learned more in my graduate career, on so many levels, than when I was an undergraduate student. I realize that this level of learning is not just a result of the material presented in course work; it is the genuine, dedicated, and self-less effort of professors who truly care."

Wendy Escobedo
MA Psychology 2004

About Our Faculty

Psychology faculty members have doctoral degrees and emphasize the wide range of subjects within the discipline. You will find our faculty members open and available and eager to help you explore the fascinating world of human behavior, motivation, development and cognition and memory. Call our department office and ask to speak with one of our faculty members. You will be welcomed.

Careers

As a graduate of the MACP program you also have many opportunities to work in a variety of exciting settings. With a MACP from TAMU you are prepared to take the exam to become a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern, and after your post-degree internship hours, to become a Licensed Professional Counselor. You can also take the exam to be a Licensed Psychology Associate. The MACP also prepares you for doctoral programs in psychology such as the Ph.D. or Psy.D. degrees.

You can work in business settings as a consultant; you can have your own practice; you can work in hospitals, pain management centers, weight loss centers and schools or for local, state and federal agencies such as departments of Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Trauma Response and Vocational Adjustment. Within universities, you can be employed in departments of Career Services and also Student Life, including residential facilities.

Graduates of our program also have the opportunity to teach at community colleges and some university campuses. The state of Texas has listed counselors as among the top 25 most needed occupations in the state. You can stay in Texas and work or move and work! Opportunities abound for you in this field!