# Texas A&M International University Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

## About Our Program:

The mission of Masters of Arts program in counseling Psychology (MACP) at TAMIU 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 Licensed Psychological Associate Exam.

### What can I do with a Masters in Counseling Psychology?

As a graduate of the MACP program, you will have many opportunities to work in a variety of settings. Once you become licensed, you could open your own private practice; become a consultant for different agencies; work in hospitals, schools, local, state or other federal agencies. The MACP program will also prepare you teach at community colleges and pursue a doctoral degree in psychology.

## Why Should You Come Here?

The MACP program at TAMIU offers a wonderful opportunity to work with Spanish-speaking populations. Most of our faculty members are bilingual and we offer specialized training for those interested in obtaining a bilingual (Spanish-English) counselor certificate. We are currently offering experiences to study abroad and practice your skills with diverse Spanish speaking populations. In addition, TAMIU offers competitive assistantships that can help you pay for tuition and living expenses while you focus on your studies full time.

## 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, available, and eager to help you explore the fascinating world of human behavior, motivation, cultural responsive practices, development, and cognition and memory. Our faculty have applied research opportunities where you could work with children, adolescents, adults, and families. Call our department office and ask to speak with one of our faculty members. You will be welcomed.





| Course Requirements<br>*(Courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or better.)  |        |
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| Major curriculum - psychology   | 45 SCH |
| Required courses:<br>PSYC 5301 - Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy<br>PSYC 5303 - Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy<br>PSYC 5305 - Human Development Across the Life-Span<br>PSYC 5307 - Psychopathology<br>PSYC 5310 - Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in Counseling<br>PSYC 5310 - Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in Counseling<br>PSYC 5320 - Research Design and Psychotherapy<br>PSYC 5320 - Research Design and Statistics<br>PSYC 5324 - Crisis Counseling<br>PSYC 5325 - Marriage and Family Therapies<br>PSYC 5327 - Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy<br>PSYC 5331 - Appraisal Techniques<br>PSYC 5336 - Multicultural Issues in Counseling<br>PSYC 5340 - Career Counseling and Development<br>PSYC 5337 - Community Mental Health for Diverse Populations<br>PSYC 5338 - Alcohol/Drug Counseling: Theory & Practice |        |
| <b>Two electives chosen from:</b><br>PSYC 5135-5335/PSYC 5302/PSYC 5304/PSYC 5329<br>PSYC 5337/PSYC 5338/PSYC 5341/PSYC 5355/PSYC 5370/PSYC 5395  | 6 SCH  |
| <b>Supervised clinical experience</b><br>(Students MUST have completed and passed: PSYC 5301, 5303, 5307, 5310, & 5315<br>PSYC 5350 - Counseling Practicum<br>PSYC 5352 - Counseling Internship I   | 6SCH   |
| <b>Thesis</b> or internship ii<br>PSYC 5399 – Thesis or Internship II   | 3 SCH  |
| <b>Comprehensive Exams</b><br>Students enrolled in the MACP program are required to successfully pass the<br>comprehensive exam as part of completion of the MACP program and eligibility for<br>graduation.  |        |
| TOTAL HOURS   | 60 SCH |
| <ul><li>How Do I Apply?</li><li>Complete and Submit University Graduate application and submit undergraduate</li></ul>  |        |

- Complete and Submit University Graduate application and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.
- All applications can be downloaded from www.tamiu.edu/gradschool/admissions or visit www.applytexas.org
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS
- Write a student narrative describing particular academic and career goals and objectives. Narratives must contain a minimum of 300 words.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Review additional program requirements in the graduate application.
- Completion of at least 3 of 4 prerequisites undergraduate courses (with a grade of "B" or better)
- PSYC 3302, PSYC 4301, PSYC 4303, and PSYC 4308.
- 3 Letters of Recommendation



## For more detailed information, visit or email:

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