

Clinical Doctoral Training Program Typical Curriculum Sequence (Not all courses listed are *required*)

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First Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
Psychopathology (PSYC 626)	3	Intro. to Clinical Ethics & Techniques (PSYC 608)	3	Department Breadth Course	3
Assessment 1 (PSYC 623)	3	Clinical Interventions 1 (PSYC 637)	3	or Research (PSYC 691)	1 to 6
Experimental Psychology (PSYC 607)	3	Exp. Design for Behavioral Scientists (PSYC 671)	3	or Elective	3
Research (PSYC 691)—Dr. Samuelson	0				
<i>PSYC 691 = S/U grade; PSYC 685 = letter grade</i>	9	<i>Submit M.S. degree plan to OGS: mid-Spring (include only 8 credits of PSYC 691 Research and only 12 credits combined of PSYC 685 & PSYC 691)</i>	9	<i>6 credits total across combination of SS1, SS2, and/or 10-week Sessions—if receiving full Summer dept. funding</i>	6

Second Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
Clinical Interventions 2 (PSYC 638)	3	Assessment 2 (PSYC 624)	3	Assessment Practicum (PSYC 613)	1
Department Breadth Course or Elective	3	Department Breadth Course or Elective	3	Intervention Practicum (PSYC 614)	1
Interventions Practicum (PSYC 614)	1	Interventions Practicum (PSYC 614)	1	Directed Studies (PSYC 685) *	1 or 4
Directed Studies (PSYC 685) *	2	Directed Studies (PSYC 685) *	2	or Department Breadth Course or Elective	3
<i>* 32 credits here and above go on M.S. degree plan</i>					
<i>Complete 1st Year Project: early Oct.</i>					
<i>Complete Thesis Proposal: Sept. 30th</i>				<i>6 credits total across combination of SS1, SS2, and/or</i>	
<i>(or delay seeing Clinic clients)</i>	9		9	<i>10-week Sessions—if receiving full Summer dept. funding</i>	6

**after 32 credits on M.S. degree plan (but before defending Thesis), take only*

PSYC 685 (which can "roll over" to Ph.D. degree plan) rather than PSYC 691

Third Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
Elective or Department Breadth Course	3	Elective or Department Breadth Course	3	Assessment Practicum (PSYC 613)	1
Elective	3	Elective	3	Intervention Practicum (PSYC 614)	1
Interventions Practicum (PSYC 614)	1	Interventions Practicum (PSYC 614)	1	Research (PSYC 691)	1 or 4
Assessment Practicum (PSYC 613)	1	Assessment Practicum (PSYC 613)	1	or Department Breadth Course or Elective	3
Directed Studies (PSYC 685) *	1	Research (PSYC 691)	1	<i>6 credits total across combination of SS1, SS2, and/or</i>	
<i>Complete Thesis Defense: Sept. 30th</i>		<i>Submit Ph.D. degree plan to OGS: mid-Feb.</i>		<i>10-week Sessions—if receiving full Summer dept. funding</i>	6
<i>(or suspend seeing Clinic clients)</i>	9	<i>Complete Preliminary Exam: May 31st</i>	9	<i>Complete Preliminary Exam: Aug. 31st</i>	
		<i>(or only research hours until completed)</i>		<i>(to apply for internship)</i>	

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
Elective	3	Elective	3	Research (PSYC 691) *	3-6
Elective	3	Interventions Practicum (PSYC 614)	1	or Professional Internship (PSYC 684)-zero credit option	0
Interventions Practicum (PSYC 614)	1	Research (PSYC 691)	5	and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1
Assessment Practicum (PSYC 613)	1				
Research (PSYC 691)	1	<i>Complete Final Exam/Dissertation Defense:</i>		<i>* 6 credits total across combination of SS1, SS2, and/or</i>	
		<i>May 31st or in June</i>		<i>10-week Sessions—ONLY if receiving full Summer dept.</i>	
	9	<i>(strongly preferred)</i>	9	<i>funding AND in-residence / on-campus</i>	0-6

Fifth Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
Professional Internship (PSYC 684)-zero credit option	0	Professional Internship (PSYC 684)-zero credit option	0	Professional Internship (PSYC 684)-zero credit option	0
and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1	and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1	and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1

See next page for "Example of PSYC 614 (Interventions) and PSYC 613 (Assessment) Distributed Across Four Years" and page 3 for "Clinical Program Policy for Registration During Professional Internship Year."

Example of PSYC 614 (Interventions) and PSYC 613 (Assessment) Distributed Across Four Years

First Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
PSYC 614	0	PSYC 614	0	PSYC 614	0
PSYC 613	0	PSYC 613	0	PSYC 613	0
	0		0		0

Second Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
PSYC 614	1	PSYC 614	1	PSYC 614	1
PSYC 613	0	PSYC 613	0	PSYC 613	1
	1		1		2

Third Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
PSYC 614	1	PSYC 614	1	PSYC 614	1
PSYC 613	1	PSYC 613	1	PSYC 613	1
	2		2		2

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
PSYC 614	1	PSYC 614	0	Professional Internship (PSYC 684)—zero credit option	0
PSYC 613	1	PSYC 613	0	and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-6
	2		0		

Fifth Year

Fall Semester	credits	Spring Semester	credits	Summer Sessions	credits
Professional Internship (PSYC 684)—zero credit option	0	Professional Internship (PSYC 684)—zero credit option	0	Professional Internship (PSYC 684)—zero credit option	0
and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1	and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1	and possibly Research (PSYC 691)	0-1

Students are required to complete 12 credits of PSYC 614 (Clinical Interventions Practicum) and/or PSYC 613 (Assessment Practicum) on their degree plan before leaving for internship. Typically, 1 credit of PSYC 614 is taken each semester starting the FALL of a student's second year in the program. Typically, PSYC 613 credits are started SUMMER of a student's second year in the program, after completing Assessment 2 (PSYC 624). It is acceptable for a student to take only PSYC 613 credit and no PSYC 614 credit in a given semester if training includes only Assessment Practicum and no therapy/interventions cases are active on a student's caseload (and vice versa). At least 5 of the 12 required credits must include both PSYC 614 and PSYC 613 (e.g., 7 credits PSYC 614 and 5 credits PSYC 613; or 5 credits PSYC 614 and 7 credits PSYC 613; or any combination summing to 12 credits total between both, with minimum 5 credits in either).

Clinical Program Policy for Registration During Professional Internship Year
Effective June 2016; Revised May 2018

The following summarizes clinical faculty-approved changes in the clinical program requirements for PSYC 684 (Professional Internship; S/U grade) and PSYC 691 (Research; S/U grade) during the internship year.

- Students register (in the DCT's course section) for PSYC 684 (Professional Internship) with the zero-credit option per semester of their 12-month clinical internship. For example, Summer students register in the DCT's PSYC 684 section for SS1, SS2, or 10-week Session (based on when their internship starts) and then Fall semester, Spring semester, and SS1, SS2, or 10-week Session (based on when their internship ends).
- If their Final Examination/Dissertation Defense is completed and the final edited version of their dissertation is approved by their doctoral chair and committee, students away on internship need not register for PSYC 691 (Research). Prior to these events, students away on internship register for 1 credit of PSYC 691 (Research) per semester, which may be *in absentia* [possibly 4 credits total for 12 months]. The DCT writes a memo to notify OGAPS regarding the full-time status of students during the internship year, although they are registered for 0-credit option of PSYC 684 and/or 1 credit of PSYC 691 per semester. OGAPS requires continuous registration until students graduate.

Based on TAMU policy, students from out-of-State who no longer are employed by TAMU do not qualify for an out-of-State tuition waiver <http://registrar.tamu.edu/general/resguide.aspx>. Also, Federal loan programs do not allow waiver of pay-back status unless students are enrolled at a certain number of credits per semester higher than the policies just described.

- Students who have completed their internship, but have not completed their Final Examination/ Dissertation Defense must register for 1 credit of PSYC 691 (Research), which may be *in absentia*, for each semester they are not actually in residence on campus until their Final Examination/Dissertation Defense is completed.
- Students must be vigilant about submitting to OGAPS petitions/amendments to their doctoral degree plan when changes occur in courses/credits originally approved for their degree plan. OGAPS requires degree plans to be accurate before allowing students' Final Examination/Dissertation Defense to be scheduled. Doctoral degree plans must have at least 64 credits (cannot include in the total PSYC 684 0-credits for Fall, Spring, and Summer—but can include these credits on degree plan—because they are... zero credits). Typically in the past, PSYC 684 credits (or PSYC 691 credits during the internship year) have not been included on clinical students' OGAPS-approved 64-credit degree plans, but they could be included based on decisions by students' doctoral committee chairs and members. However, starting in May 2018, clinical students should add to their doctoral degree plan, PSYC 684 0-credit for each Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters while they are on internship.
- In the semester that students schedule their Final Examination/Dissertation Defense meeting (or the prior semester if the meeting is scheduled in between semesters), they must register for 1 credit PSYC 691 (can be *in absentia*). After passing the Final Examination/Dissertation Defense, the student may then submit OGAPS paperwork and submit dissertation to Thesis Clerk, apply for graduation (August for our students), and not need to register for any more credits in the following semester because all credits on degree plan have been completed and registration/completion of 1 credit PSYC 691-*in absentia* occurred the previous semester.
- Students are responsible for being aware of and adhering to all OGAPS policies and requirements regarding registration, degree requirements, and graduation.