

# AUM Master of Science in Psychology— Clinical Psychology Track

## Application process and requirements

### Program Overview

AUM's Master of Science in Psychology – Clinical Track emphasizes the three key components of clinical psychology: assessment, treatment, and research. With applied education and training in psychological science, AUM psychology graduates have a competitive advantage when applying to doctoral programs and seeking employment.

Graduate admissions dates and deadlines	
Application opens	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Application submission deadline	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Decision letters	First week of July

*Note: The Master of Science in Psychology program admits students for the Fall term only. Applications are not processed or evaluated until they are completed. Specific application requirements follow.*

### Diversity Statement

AUM's Department of Psychology is committed to diversity and inclusion. We encourage individuals from underrepresented groups (e.g., based on race, gender identity, age, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, economic background, and others) to apply.

### Application process

There are two required steps to the application

1. Complete the university-wide Graduate School application. Once this is completed, you will receive an email to begin step 2.
2. Complete the Masters of Science in Psychology application. The application will require you to submit relevant background information (e.g., your name, email, GPAs, etc.), answer a series of essay questions discussing your specific interest in earning a graduate degree in Clinical psychology, upload a writing sample, and include contact information for your two required references.

### Application requirements

The Graduate Admissions Committee will evaluate each application in totality, including transcripts of undergraduate/graduate education, statement of interest, writing sample, and professional references. Specific requirements include:

- **Transcripts:** Official undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcripts will be collected by the Graduate School and forwarded to the Department of Psychology. We prefer a GPA of 3.0 or greater and foundational coursework in psychology, including Introduction to Psychology, Research Design, and Statistics, or equivalent coursework as determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee. A GPA that is lower than preferred will be considered with respect to the strength of the rest of the applicant's materials.
- **Statement of Interest:** The statement of interest is structured. You will be asked to respond to specific questions related to your interests in the program's graduate education (please limit each response to 300 words):
  - Your interest in the three key components of clinical psychology: assessment, treatment, and research
  - If selected, your interest in the clinical practicum option
  - If selected, your interest in the thesis option in addition to faculty members you would be interested in working with
  - Your career goals with this degree
- **References:** You will be required to submit contact information for at least two references who are familiar with your professionalism, work ethic, productivity, and desire to pursue a graduate education. These references will be asked to evaluate you on specified characteristics. At least one reference should be an academic source (e.g., a college professor), but for applicants that have graduated more than three years ago, professional references (e.g., a direct supervisor) may serve as your references.
- **Writing Sample:** You will be required to upload a sample of *your* writing (i.e., not a group paper). This sample can be a paper submitted in a college course. We prefer submitted writing samples from a science-based course, such as a literature review or research report. However, a paper written for a non-science course is acceptable. Writing samples should be at least two double-spaced pages.

*Note: Standardized tests, such as the GRE and GMAT, are not required.*

The Department of Psychology application has a "save draft" option, so you *do not* need to have all materials ready when you begin the application. Please keep working on the submission until the application is complete. Applications will not be processed or evaluated until all components have been submitted.

## Contact Information

If you have questions about the program track, the application, or the application requirements, you may contact the Clinical Program Coordinator, Dr. Christine Garrison, at [ctotura@aum.edu](mailto:ctotura@aum.edu)