

Clinical Psychology Program Application Instructions

For Admissions or Application related questions:

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Before Applying

- Please prepare to provide the following items for your application:
 - Current Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) or Resume
 - Statement of Purpose
 - Three (3) Recommenders and their email addresses
 - List of psychology courses taken and grades received
 - Copies of official transcripts from all institutions attended
 - Potential Advisor choice in Clinical Psychology
 - [English Proficiency Scores](#) (Non-Native English Speakers)
 - **Optional: GRE Scores**

Applying to the Program

- Applications are accepted generally from August-December 1st for the following Fall Semester admission.

Applicants Without Undergraduate Psychology Degrees:

- Our program is open to accepting well-qualified students whose undergraduate degrees are not in psychology. For such an individual to qualify for admission, however, he or she should have a minimum of 15 hours of undergraduate credits in psychology courses. Although a variety of psychology courses would be considered acceptable, the student's transcript ideally would include courses in such topics as psychological statistics, research methods and design, abnormal psychology, personality, brain & behavior, social psychology and cognitive psychology. An overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 (based on a 4-point grading system) is also preferred for admission to full graduate standing.

Applicants with an MA or MS degree:

- We often admit students who have completed a masters degree in another program. Students who are admitted with MA or MS degrees in psychology (or closely related fields) may be credited with a maximum of 30 hours toward our Ph.D. degree. The number of hours that actually count toward our requirements depends on how well the students' MA program courses map onto our program requirements. Students who wish to have previously taken courses apply toward one or more of our program requirements meet with and provide our current course instructor(s) with syllabi from the previous coursework. If the instructors judge the previous coursework to be substantially equivalent to our own, the required course is waived.

If a student's MA or MS degree program included an empirical thesis, that thesis may be accepted as satisfying our program's empirical thesis requirement, pending the outcome of a review to determine if the thesis is comparable to those produced within our program. At their earliest convenience, such students provide the program director with a copy of their thesis. The program director then asks one or two faculty members to evaluate the thesis for comparability to those produced by members of our program. If a thesis is accepted as satisfying our requirement, it does not count against the maximum of 30 hours that may be credited. Masters students whose MA or MS programs do not include an empirical thesis (or whose empirical theses are judged not comparable to those from KU) are required to conduct an empirical thesis as part of our Ph.D. program..

Application Review

- The clinical program's graduate admissions committee typically consists of two faculty members and one graduate student member. The chairperson of the admissions committee is responsible for organizing and overseeing the review of all completed applications. This process typically begins in late November or early December as applications become completed.
- Each member of the admissions committee reviews the completed applications and assigns an overall rating to them based on his or her judgment of the applicants' qualifications. Although there are some quantitative elements involved in this rating process (e.g., undergraduate GPA), many of the elements of the applications are qualitative in nature (e.g., personal statements, letters of recommendation) and are, therefore, evaluated on more subjective grounds. Also included in the admission committee members' evaluations are their subjective appraisals of the "goodness of fit" between the applicant's expressed interests and the particular strengths and offerings of our program. Our program does not employ set "cut-offs" with regard to any of the quantitative application elements (e.g., there are no formal cut-offs for cumulative GPAs), although the Graduate School requires a minimum 3.00 cumulative undergraduate GPA for full, non-probationary admission into the Graduate School. (See tables below for information regarding students entering our program.)
- Once all completed applications have been evaluated by the members of the admissions committee, the committee meets to determine which and how many applicants will be offered admission. The overall number of students being recruited into the program varies somewhat from year to year as the availability of resources and the program's needs change. In recent years, however, typical entering classes have consisted of 5-7 students about evenly split between the General program and the Clinical Health subspecialty. In order to recruit this number, a somewhat larger number of students is typically offered admission (some elect to go to other programs or change their career plans) and a list of "alternates" is also identified.
- As quickly as possible following the December 1 application deadline, the admissions committee begins notifying students of the status of their applications. In-person interviews for applicants who are notified they are finalists for admission are strongly encouraged, and an "Admissions Open House" date is scheduled for those finalists who are able to attend (although individual visitation dates are arranged if needed). Although those applicants who are offered admission have until April 15 (unless the 15th falls on a weekend) to either accept or reject our offer, applicants are strongly encouraged to notify us of their decisions as soon as possible and, in fairness to other applicants, to "hold onto" no more than two offers of admission at any one time.

Accessing the Application

1. Navigate to the [KU Graduate Admissions webpage](#) and click "Apply"
2. Select your status of application: Returning user (Click Log in) or First-Time user (Click Create an account). If you have not submitted an application to KU you will need to create an account.


Admissions

Applying to the University of Kansas

Thank you for your interest in the University of Kansas. Please follow the instructions below to begin or continue your application.

Returning users:

[Log in](#) to continue an application.

First-time users:

[Create an account](#) to start a new application.

If you encounter issues creating an account or logging into your existing account, please contact us:

Lawrence/Edwards Campuses
graduateadm@ku.edu
 785-864-3140

KU Medical Center
kumcadmissions@kumc.edu
 913-945-7347

3. Once you have created an account, you may login to the application using your chosen email address and password.

4. Once logged in, you will have the option of Starting a New Application or continuing work on a previous application. To open a previous application, click the title of the application.

Your Applications	
Type	Status
You have started 3 applications using this account.	
Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application Art (MFA) (Fall 2022)	In Progress
Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application Psychology (MA/PhD) (Fall 2022)	In Progress
Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application Psychology (MA/PhD) (Fall 2021)	Awaiting Payment

[Start New Application](#)

5. When selecting “Start New Application” you will be prompted to confirm. Select Create Application from the pop-up to continue.

6. Once you select “Create Application” an application will be made and another pop-up will display. From this pop-up you can select “Open Application.”

7. This will open the application and you can begin completing your information or start where you ended your last session. Complete your information completely.
8. Once you navigate to the Program Information section of the application, you will need to select your Academic Intention, Academic Area of Interest, Academic Program, and Entry Term.

9. If you are interested in being nominated for a fellowship or scholarship, please be sure to select “Yes” for this question under Additional Information.

10. Complete the remaining sections of the application. If you need to leave the application for any reason, make sure you choose “Save for Later” at the end of the application to return to the “Home” screen.