

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- B. Undergraduate and graduate grade point average(s) of 2.5 or above, as reported on official transcript(s) mailed from issuing institutions.
- C. Completed application form and non-refundable application fee.
- D. Three letters of recommendation. Ideally, two of these should be from former instructors, and should address the applicant's ability to perform at the graduate level, as well as relevant experiences the applicant has had with the applicant.
- E. A written statement of intent.

In addition, students are required to have completed undergraduate coursework in lifespan human development, biopsychology, personality, and two semesters of statistics/methods. Students lacking sufficient background in these areas will be required to complete the appropriate coursework or demonstrate competency within the first year of study after admission to the program.

Admission applications must be received by April 30 to be considered for the upcoming Fall Semester.



MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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FURTHERING YOUR STUDIES
PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER OF ARTS IN
PSYCHOLOGY
CONCENTRATION IN COUNSELING

University of the Virgin Islands

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Psychological and Biological Foundations

PSY 503 Classic and Contemporary Approaches to Personality
PSY 520 Human Growth and Development through the Life Span
PSY 534 Abnormal Psychology
PSY 550 Drugs and Human Behavior

Counseling Foundations and Methodology

PSY 530 Research Methods in Applied Settings and Program Evaluation
PSY 540 Counseling and Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice
PSY 541 Psychological Counseling: Orientation and Ethics
PSY 542 Social and Cultural Contexts of Counseling
PSY 630 Psychometrics
PSY 635 Psychological Testing

Interventions and Problem Solving in Psychological Counseling

PSY 640 Psychological Counseling with Individuals
PSY 641 Psychological Counseling with Children & Adolescents
PSY 642 Psychological Counseling with Groups
PSY 643 Family Systems Psychological Counseling
PSY 644 Community Mental Health Counseling
PSY 645 Counseling in Vocational & Career Development

Upon the completion of the above coursework, students may select one from the following options:

Option A:

Comprehensive examination
and

PSY 695-696 Internship in Psychology (600-hour supervised internship)

or

Option B:

PSY 697-698. Thesis in Psychology and
PSY 695-696 Internship in Psychology (600-hour supervised internship)



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELING CONCENTRATION

The Master of Arts in Psychology with the Counseling concentration at the University of the Virgin Islands is designed to provide students with the necessary academic knowledge base, problem solving skills, and experiential opportunities to work in a variety of social service and counseling settings. This program will prepare graduates for licensing at the Master's level, and seeks to prepare practitioners to use the science of psychology for the promotion of human well-being, specifically in the provision of psychological services to children, adolescents, and families. Graduates of the program have gone on to work in mental health and judicial agencies, schools, and in a wide variety of other applied community settings in the territory.

Consistent with these goals, the Master of Arts in psychology Program with concentration in Counsel-

ing at the University of the Virgin Islands is firmly grounded in the priorities and standards advanced by both the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association of Virgin Islands Psychologists (AVIP).

CURRICULUM

The scientist-practitioner model provides the philosophical foundation for the program, and successful students will complete a rigorous theoretical and empirical academic basis in human development, research methods, testing and measurement in counseling, and psychopathology (including the biological influences on human functioning). In addition to a significant fieldwork experiential component. Competency in the efficient and effective delivery of comprehensive psychological services to individuals at all developmental levels, and families from all cultural backgrounds in the community is a strong programmatic focus.