

COUNSELING, MS

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	60 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	30 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	Students are required to attain a minimum course grade of B for all coursework that fulfills the 60-credit requirement.

Assessments and Examinations The Professional Integration Exercise (PIE) is a capstone experience for all master's students, where they have the opportunity to pull together their learning and skills and their overall professional identity. Through this oral clinical case conceptualization, they have the opportunity to demonstrate to the faculty their readiness as a master's-level clinician. The Professional Integration Exercise (PIE) will be conducted in late spring during students' second year of training.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

The MS degree in counseling requires that students satisfactorily complete coursework, practica experiences, and a professional integration experience. Students earn a minimum of 60 graduate credits. Coursework beyond the 60-credit minimum may be required of students entering with course deficiencies, as enumerated in their letters of admission. Students seeking licensure or certification out of state should check with those states' particular requirements.

The curriculum has been revised in accordance with changes in Wisconsin State licensing requirements with courses only offered once each year. The master's program is a two-year plan that students should follow. The offering of courses is designed for students following the course sequence. Students who depart from the course sequence may be delayed in completing the program and need to consult with their advisors to determine the best course sequence. Students are expected to complete any program deficiencies before they begin the program or during the first semester, at the latest.

The following is an outline of the required courses:

Code	Title	Credits
COUN PSY 700	Practicum Activities (1 credit fall; 1 credit spring)	2
COUN PSY/ ED PSYCH 723	Developmental Processes Across the Life Span	3
COUN PSY/ RP & SE 730	Professional Counseling Orientation	3
COUN PSY 740	Abnormal Behavior and Psychopathology	3
COUN PSY 745	Clinical Mental Health Counseling: Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors	3
COUN PSY 777	Crisis and Trauma Counseling	3
COUN PSY 791	Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN PSY 800	Theories of Counseling	3
COUN PSY 802	Group Dynamics Processing and Counseling	3
COUN PSY 805	Helping Relationships and Techniques	3
COUN PSY 806	Supervised Practicum in Counseling	3
COUN PSY 808	Supervised Internship in Counseling (take in fall and spring) ¹	10
COUN PSY 825	Counseling Psychology Techniques With Families	3

COUN PSY 860	Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling	3
COUN PSY 865	Lifestyle and Career Development	3
COUN PSY 810	Professional Development and Clinical Practice (optional; if needed for additional internship hours)	1-6
RP & SE 700	Research Methods in Rehabilitation, Mental Health, & Special Education	3
RP & SE 720	Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling - Assessment	3
RP & SE 721	Addictions Counseling	3
Total Credits		60

¹ The vast majority of students take 5 credits in fall and 5 credits in spring. Occasionally a student under certain circumstances may be allowed to take fewer credits; please consult with the program coordinator for more information.