

# Graduation Requirements

Students are expected to complete graduation requirements in a timely manner and to maintain good standing.

Students must complete course and program requirements as listed for a total of 63 units with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and pass a comprehensive exam. A minimum grade of B is required for all courses applied to graduation. Students who do not earn a passing grade as specified may repeat that course one time only to achieve a passing grade. All coursework must be at the graduate level; graduate courses previously applied to a bachelor's degree cannot be applied to graduation.

Degrees are awarded at the close of the semester in which all degree requirements have been completed, the comprehensive exam has been passed, the Petition to Graduate form has been filed with the registrar's office, and the graduation fee has been paid.

**Credit Limits:** Students may apply no more than 6 units (two courses) of Directed Reading & Research and 6 units (two courses) of independent study towards graduation. Students are allowed no more than 12 units of unfinished coursework (i.e. incompletes and withdrawals) over the duration of the program.

**Transfer of Credit:** Up to 6 units may be fulfilled through the transfer of graduate credit from another institution.

## Master of Arts in Psychology

### Multicultural Counseling: 42 Units

The 42-unit Master of Arts in Psychology – Multicultural Counseling (MCC) is designed for individuals wanting to pursue a graduate degree in mental health but who are not interested in licensure. This degree is open to students with a baccalaureate degree in an unrelated field, those who earned a baccalaureate many years ago, those already working in the human services field who desire additional training, and for international students desiring an introduction to mental health care.

The 42-unit MCC does not meet the requirements to sit for a license in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) or Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in any state. California State regulations state that students who complete and receive the 42-unit master's degree cannot, post-graduation, transfer or apply those credits toward the completion of an MFT license program.

### Program Requirements

Area	Required Units
Foundation Courses	15
Core Courses	12
Advanced Level Courses	3
Elective Courses	9
Master's Capstone Project or Thesis	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

## Foundation Courses: 15 units required

All students complete the foundation courses below. A minimum grade of B is required in each foundation course. Students who do not earn a B or higher may repeat the course one time only to achieve a passing grade.

Courses	Prerequisite(s)	Units
PSYCH 501 Experimental Design & Statistical Analysis	None	3
PSYCH 530 Psychopathology	None	3
PSYCH 531 Theories I	None	3
PSYCH 532 Law & Ethics	None	3
PSYCH 533 Multicultural Counseling	None	3

## Core Courses: 12 units required

All students complete the core courses below. A minimum grade of B is required in each core course. Students who do not earn a B or higher may repeat the course one time only to achieve a passing grade.

Courses	Prerequisite(s)	Units
PSYCH 536 Marriage & Family Therapy I: Families	None	3
PSYCH 538 Psychological Testing	None	3
PSYCH 540 Counseling Across the Lifespan	None	3
PSYCH 545 Psychopharmacology	None	3

## Advanced: 3 units required

All students complete one course (3 units) from the list of advanced courses below. A minimum grade of B is required. Students who do not earn a B or higher may repeat the course one time only to achieve a passing grade.

Courses	Prerequisite(s)	Units
PSYCH 600 Group Psychotherapy	None	3
PSYCH 602 Advanced Couples Counseling	18 units	3
PSYCH 604 Advanced Child & Adolescent Interventions in Therapy	PSYCH 531	3
PSYCH 607 Advanced Seminar in Culture & Psychotherapy	None	3

## Electives: 9 units required

Students select three courses (9 units) with the assistance of their advisor. Students may select from the list below and from courses offered in the MA Religious Studies and MDiv Buddhist Chaplaincy programs. All selections must be approved by the advisor. A minimum grade of C is required in each elective course applied to graduation. Students who do not earn a C or higher may repeat the course one time only to achieve a passing grade.

Courses	Prerequisite(s)	Units
PSYCH 501 Experimental Design & Statistical Analysis	None	3
PSYCH 504 Counseling Children & Adolescents	None	3
PSYCH 529 Drug & Alcohol Theory & Intervention	None	3
PSYCH 537 Motivational Interviewing	None	3
PSYCH 614 Religion & Psychology	None	3
PSYCH 617 The Application of Mindfulness in Western Therapy	None	3
REL 505 Women in Buddhism	None	3
REL 530 Topics in Buddhist Meditation	None	3

## Master's Capstone Project or Thesis: 3 units required

All students are required to complete a master's capstone seminar project in their final term. Upon recommendation of the department chair, students planning to pursue a PhD upon completion of the MA may be permitted to complete a thesis rather than the master's capstone project. Students must maintain continuous enrollment until the thesis is submitted to and accepted by the library. If necessary, a student who selects the thesis option may repeat PSYCH 699A one time only. The repeated units are not applicable to graduation.

Courses	Prerequisite(s)	Units
PSYCH 699A Thesis	Completion of all coursework	3
PSYCH 699A Master's Capstone Project	Completion of all coursework	3

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Degrees are awarded at the close of the semester in which all degree requirements have been completed, the master's capstone project has been accepted by the department or the thesis has been accepted by the library, the Petition to Graduate form has been filed with the registrar's office, and the graduation fee has been paid.

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