Students vary in their post-degree career plans. Accordingly, we allow students to select from electives, creating an informal area of focused-training in addition to the generalist training expected of students attending APA-accredited programs at the pre-doctoral level. Below is the general course sequence. Following this page you can see two example course sequences: one for students wishing to pursue a Practitioner career and another for students wishing to pursue an Academic career. In truth, students can take any array of electives and often students interested in a Practitioner career will take courses to provide additional training opportunities with teaching or research. Regardless of the focus a student selects, the program requires 97 credit hours (some students with master’s degrees may substitute in coursework if approved by the advisor and training director). Many students elect to take extra courses, exceeding this minimum requirement.

In addition, it is often the case where students should take courses at the earliest point available. This is particularly the case for courses offered outside our department (any course with a prefix other than COUN). Should courses not be available when listed in the example sequences, students are encouraged to take another available course to have a full load. Students work with their advisors on selecting courses and in general taking courses outside of the sequence below requires advisor approval. Delaying courses when not taking a full-load also may require approval from the graduate committee (or program faculty if the student has not yet selected a graduate committee). A full-load requires students to enroll in four courses per semester most semesters. Popular electives students take include additional theories courses, health psychology, a teaching practicum, additional statistics/research methods courses, independent research (which must be working on a project separate from the dissertation), and courses devoted to particular clinical concerns (e.g., substance abuse, eating disorders) or intervention types (e.g., crisis, consultation).

Please note that sequences are subject to change and indeed often do change based on schedules made in other departments as well as on adjustments made necessary by factors within our own department, evolving standards of the profession, etc. Course numbers may also change. All courses listed which are left justified are required unless there are explanatory notes or you have approved substitutions.

NOTE: For students entering in the fall of 2015 or later, the program is a four-year program plus one year internship minimum (you will take classes into your fourth year; see the last three examples of course sequences). Rare exceptions may be granted for students who enter with a master’s degree in counseling or clinical psychology. For students who entered prior to fall of 2015, if you intend to go on internship in your fourth year, you cannot count on taking courses in the summer of your third year because some internship sites begin their internship year in the summer. It is relatively rare that students entering without a master’s degree go on internship in their fourth year as it is challenging to accrue the number of direct contact clinical hours required to be successful in the internship application process in less than two years of practicum. In addition, students entering in the Fall 2013 and later must propose their dissertation prior to application for internship. However, the sequence is set up that any student could complete the sequence in time to go on internship in their fourth year.
Course Sequence—Recommended for Students Entering Fall, 2015
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Fall 2015 (12 credits)
COUN 7320 Theories of Counseling
COUN 7330 Diverse Populations
COUN 8530 Contemporary Issues in Counseling Psychology (Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues)
Program approved first semester doctoral stats course

Spring 2016 (12 credits)
COUN 7350 Introduction to Counseling Practice
COUN 7250 Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis
COUN 7340 Group Counseling
Program approved second semester doctoral stats course

Summer 2016 (6 credits)
COUN 7230 Career Development and Vocational Appraisal
PSYC 7150 Biological Bases of Behavior

Fall 2016 (9 credits)
COUN 7210 Adult Appraisal
COUN 8400 Seminar in Counseling Psychology
COUN 7910 Practicum in Counseling Psychology

Spring 2017 (9 credits)
COUN 7910 Practicum in Counseling Psychology
If available, choose a required PSYC course not previously taken.
ERMA 8350 Advanced Measurement Theory
A program approved elective course

Summer 2017 (9 credits)
COUN 8970 Great Ideas in Psychology (PSYC 7100 is an approved substitute, requires approval)
PSYC 7180 Social Psychology (or approved COUN course on Social Psychology)
PSYC 7190 Cognitive Psychology (or approved COUN course on Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior)

Fall 2017 (6 credits)
COUN 8910 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology
COUN 8300 Research Design

Spring 2018 (9 credits)
COUN 8910 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology
COUN 8200 Intellectual Assessment of Adults or COUN 7220 (Intellectual Assessment of Children and Adolescents with permission from advisor). COUN 8200 is offered every two years
COUN 8210 Test Administration and Professional Practice. Enrollment in COUN 8200 requires co-enrollment in this applications seminar and enrollment in this course requires co-enrollment in COUN 8200.
**Summer 2018 (6 credits)**
COUN 7310 Counseling Across the Lifespan
A COUN advanced theories course (all students must take at least one advanced theories course)

**Fall 2018 (6 credits)**
COUN 8540 Supervision – Theory & Practice
COUN 8800 Professional Development & Pre-Internship Seminar (Taken only when applying for internship)

**Spring 2019 (3 or more credits)**
A program approved elective course
Electives/ Research/Dissertation/Any classes not yet completed.

**Summer 2019**
Electives/ Research/Dissertation/Any classes not yet completed.

*Note: Enrollment in Internship (COUN 8930—a zero-hour course) is required while on internship. Students are required to have a minimum of 10 semester hours of Dissertation prior to graduation. Students also must enroll in Dissertation while working on their dissertation (so students may have to enroll for more than 10 hours). Students should consult with their advisor and review Graduate School Policies and Program Policies regarding internship and dissertation.*

*Advanced Counseling Theory courses include: COUN 8610-- Existentialism; COUN 8620-- Cognitive-Behavioral; and COUN 8630 -- Psychodynamic: Adlerian. Other topics may be offered from time to time.*
Course Sequence- *Example* for Students Entering Fall, 2015 who want a *Practitioner* career
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The following example of required courses and electives might be most ideal for students planning to pursue careers in providing psychological services post-degree.

**Fall 2015 (12 credits)**  
COUN 7320 Theories of Counseling  
COUN 7330 Diverse Populations  
COUN 8530 Contemporary Issues in Counseling Psychology (Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues)  
Program approved first semester doctoral stats course

**Spring 2016 (12 credits)**  
COUN 7350 Introduction to Counseling Practice  
COUN 7250 Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis  
COUN 7340 Group Counseling  
Program approved second semester doctoral stats course

**Summer 2016 (6 credits)**  
COUN 7230 Career Development and Vocational Appraisal  
PSYC 7150 Biological Bases of Behavior

**Fall 2016 (9 credits)**  
COUN 7210 Adult Appraisal  
COUN 8400 Seminar in Counseling Psychology  
COUN 7910 Practicum in Counseling Psychology

**Spring 2017 (9 credits)**  
COUN 7910 Practicum in Counseling Psychology  
If available, choose a required PSYC course not previously taken.  
ERMA 8350 Advanced Measurement Theory  
COUN 8970 Health Psychology (not required but at least two courses are as an elective, of which this is an example; other options include COUN 8910 Teaching Practicum, elective theories courses)

**Summer 2017 (9 credits)**  
COUN 8970 Great Ideas in Psychology (PSYC 7100 is an approved substitute, requires approval)  
PSYC 7180 Social Psychology (or approved COUN course on Social Psychology)  
PSYC 7190 Cognitive Psychology (or approved COUN course on Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior)

**Fall 2017 (6 credits)**  
COUN 8910 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology  
COUN 8300 Research Design

**Spring 2018 (9 credits)**  
COUN 8910 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology  
COUN 8200 Intellectual Assessment of Adults or COUN 7220 (Intellectual Assessment of Children and Adolescents with permission from advisor). COUN 8200 is offered every two years  
COUN 8210 Test Administration and Professional Practice. Enrollment in COUN 8200 requires co-enrollment in this applications seminar and enrollment in this course requires co-enrollment in COUN 8200.
Summer 2018 (6 credits)
COUN 7310 Counseling Across the Lifespan
A COUN advanced theories course (all students must take at least one advanced theories course)

Fall 2018 (6 credits)
COUN 8540 Supervision – Theory & Practice
COUN 8800 Professional Development & Pre-Internship Seminar (Taken only when applying for internship)

Spring 2019 (3 or more credits)
A program approved elective course (e.g., Advanced Theories – Cognitive/Behavioral)
Electives/ Research/Dissertation/Any classes not yet completed.

Summer 2019
Electives/ Research/Dissertation/Any classes not yet completed.

See notes from general curriculum sequence for required enrollment of dissertation and internship hours.

Advanced Counseling Theory courses include: COUN 8610 -- Existentialism; COUN 8620-- Cognitive-Behavioral; and COUN 8630 -- Psychodynamic: Adlerian. Other topics may be offered from time to time.
Course Sequence- *Example* for Students Entering Fall, 2015 who want an *Academic* career
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The following example of required courses and electives might be most appropriate for students interested in teaching and research careers post-degree. The following is just an example and would result in a student exceeding the minimum number of hours required.

**Fall 2015 (12 credits)**
COUN 7320 Theories of Counseling
COUN 7330 Diverse Populations
COUN 8530 Contemporary Issues in Counseling Psychology (Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues)
HDFS 7050 Research Methods for HDFS
HDFS 7051 Research Methods Lab HDFS (required if students choose to take HDFS 7050)

**Spring 2016 (12 credits)**
COUN 7350 Introduction to Counseling Practice
COUN 7250 Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis
COUN 7340 Group Counseling
HDFS 7060 Research Methods II
HDFS 7061 Research Methods Family Studies II Lab (required if students choose to take HDFS 7060)

**Summer 2016 (7 credits)**
COUN 7900 Independent Study-Research (taken for 1 hour each over 3 terms is one elective option; other options include COUN 8910 Teaching Practicum, or extra research/stats courses which may fall under other terms depending on availability)
PSYC 7150 Biological Bases of Behavior
COUN 7310 Counseling Across the Lifespan

**Fall 2016 (12 credits)**
COUN 7210 Adult Appraisal
COUN 8400 Seminar in Counseling Psychology
COUN 7910 Practicum in Counseling Psychology
Additional Stats (counts as elective)

**Spring 2017 (7 credits)**
COUN 7910 Practicum in Counseling Psychology
If available, choose a required PSYC course not previously taken.
ERMA 8350 Advanced Measurement Theory
COUN 7900 Independent Study-Research (taken for 1 hour each over 3 terms is one elective option)

**Summer 2017 (9 credits)**
COUN 8970 Great Ideas in Psychology (PSYC 7100 is an approved substitute, requires approval)
PSYC 7180 Social Psychology (or approved COUN course on Social Psychology)
PSYC 7190 Cognitive Psychology (or approved COUN course on Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior)
**Fall 2017 (7 credits)**
COUN 8910 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology
COUN 8300 Research Design
COUN 7900 Independent Study-Research (taken for 1 hour each over 3 terms is one elective option)

**Spring 2018 (9 credits)**
COUN 8910 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology
COUN 8200 Intellectual Assessment of Adults or COUN 7220 (Intellectual Assessment of Children and Adolescents with permission from advisor). COUN 8200 is offered every two years
COUN 8210 Test Administration and Professional Practice. Enrollment in COUN 8200 requires co-enrollment in this applications seminar and enrollment in this course requires co-enrollment in COUN 8200.

**Summer 2018 (6 credits)**
COUN 7310 Counseling Across the Lifespan
A COUN advanced theories course (all students must take at least one advanced theories course)

**Fall 2018 (6 credits)**
COUN 8540 Supervision – Theory & Practice
COUN 8800 Professional Development & Pre-Internship Seminar (Taken only when applying for internship)

**Spring 2019**
Electives/ Research/Dissertation/Any classes not yet completed.

**Summer 2019**
Electives/ Research/Dissertation/Any classes not yet completed.

*See notes from general curriculum sequence for required enrollment of dissertation and internship hours.*

*Advanced Counseling Theory courses include: COUN 8610-- Existentialism; COUN 8620-- Cognitive-Behavioral; and COUN 8630 -- Psychodynamic: Adlerian. Other topics may be offered from time to time.*