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Masters Programme
Faculty of Social Sciences



Department of Government, Sociology and Social Work

MSc. Counselling Psychology

*Developed to meet the growing
need for qualified counsellors in
Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean*

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MSc. COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

The MSc. Counselling Psychology programme was developed to meet the growing need for qualified counsellors in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. The programme targets recent university graduates and practitioners who require counselling skills to fulfill their job tasks and provide counselling services to persons in organisations and society.

Graduates of the programme will be prepared to pursue successful careers in the field of psychology and teaching at various levels in organisations. The programme is also designed to ensure that students have a competitive advantage for advanced study in psychology. Graduates of the programme will develop counselling, psychological assessment and research skills that will enable them to assist individuals, couples and groups who are facing various mental health issues.

Objectives

To produce practitioners who are:

- Knowledgeable consumers of psychological science and who can conduct independent research in the field that is both ethical and methodologically sound.
- Knowledgeable in a range of counselling theories consistent with a developmental perspective, develop treatment plans and interventions consistent with their own theoretical orientation, and understand client mental health needs and goals in counselling, diagnosis, and best practices in the profession.
- Knowledgeable of the basic psychological sciences, and theory in the following core areas of counselling psychology.
- Committed to and follow professional ethics consistent with the ethical guidelines established by the American Psychological Association or those developed by their respective country.
- Committed to the professional identity of the profession through engage in continuing education, workshops, and professional development activities.

Entry Requirement

Applicants should have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, the Behavioural Sciences or a related field. Students who do not have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology should have completed undergraduate courses in Psychology, Research Methods and Statistics.

Duration

This programme can be completed on a full-time basis of 21 months of study. Part-time students are permitted a maximum of 4 years to complete all requirements.

Programme Structure/ Course of Study

The programme will be delivered on a full-time or part-time basis using a blended format: online and face-to-face. All courses include an online component, which is delivered through Moodle in e-learning. The online component occurs throughout the semester.

The face-to-face (residency) component requires students to be present in class from 9:00 am-5:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays for 3 face-to-face weekends per course. Full-time students will complete the programme in four (4) semesters and one (1) summer. Part-time students will complete the programme in six (6) semesters and two (2) summers.

The taught component of the programme includes ten (10) courses for the research option and 12 courses for the practice option. Both options include a practicum (0 credits) and 2 integrative internship and seminars (6 credits) each. The research option includes a research paper (6 credits). Students are also expected to complete no less than 12 counselling sessions with a registered psychologist or other mental health professional.

List of Courses

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RESEARCH OPTION

This option is for students who are considering continuing onto a doctoral degree in Psychology. It requires the completion of a 20,000-word research paper on an issue relevant to the field of psychology. This enables students to develop research skills that can be used to address organisational and societal problems related to the therapy needs of individuals.

Year I – Semester I

- Foundations/Principles of Counselling Psychology
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Counselling Psychology
- Psychometrics I: Intellectual and Cognitive Abilities
- Applied Research Design and Statistics

Year I – Semester II (4 courses)

- Group Counselling Theories and Techniques
- Advanced Psychopathology
- Counselling Skills and Techniques
- Psychometrics II: Personality Testing

Year I – Summer

- Family Counselling/Therapy
- Practicum Lab

Year II – Semester I

- Integrative Internship & Seminar I (500 hours)
- Advanced Developmental Psychology
- Research Paper

Year II – Semester II

- Integrative Internship & Seminar 2 (500 hours)
- Research Paper (Cont'd)

PRACTICE OPTION

This option is for students who are considering being practitioners. Students are required to complete two additional courses instead of a research paper. The courses will ensure that students are more prepared to engage in clinical/counselling practice.

Year I courses (Semester I & Semester II) are identical to the those offered in the 'Research option' of the programme.

Year I – Summer (additional course)

- Substance Abuse Theories and Counselling.

Year II – Semester I

- Integrative Internship & Seminar I (500 hours)
- Advanced Developmental Psychology

Year II – Semester II

- Integrative Internship & Seminar 2 (500 hours)

One of the following electives

- Vocational Counselling (100% online) (3cr) **or**
- Marital and Couples Counselling/Therapy (100% online)

PERSONAL THERAPY

Students are also expected to complete no less than 12 counselling sessions with a registered psychologist or a clinical social worker. This cost is absorbed by the student.

* Classes during Semester I and II are delivered on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

** Summer Classes delivery varies throughout the week and on Saturdays.

Cost

Programme fee	BDS \$30,000	(US \$15,000)
Plus ID Card Fee	BDS \$30.00	(US \$15.00)
Plus UWI Registration fees per semester - currently	BDS \$520.00	(US \$260.00)

Programme Fee and University Registration fees are subject to change.

Students enrolled in this self-financed programme are billed for the courses for which they register each semester. University fees are additional to the programme fees and are billed every semester until the degree has been awarded.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MA History

MA Heritage Studies

MA Linguistics

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Master in Education (MEd)

specialisations (Curriculum Studies; Educational Leadership; Inclusive Practices for Special Needs Students; Language & Literacy Education; School Counselling; Science and Technology Education; Social Context and Education Policy; Testing, Measurement and Evaluation; and The Psychology of Education)

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Business Administration

Masters in Entrepreneurship
and Innovation



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