



University of Macau
Master of Social Science

*Clinical
Psychology*

Prospectus 2012



Welcome to join us!

Introduction



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he Master of Social Sciences in Clinical Psychology is a full-time, two-year, 60 credit hour programme that trains students in the scientist-practitioner tradition. The programme consists of five semesters over the span of two years. Students are expected to carry a full load of 15 credits, which includes clinical field placement (practicum) in community organizations, during each semester. Multiple-course sequences covering psychotherapy and assessment, as well as courses in ethics, research methods, problematic gambling, and health and wellness, provide foundational knowledge.



Programme Overview



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he MSS in Clinical Psychology is an intensive full-time programme, including the summer between academic years. Language of instruction is English and most practicum placements require Cantonese proficiency. Three main areas of focus reflect our scientist-practitioner training approach:

1. **Research** that includes completion of a master's thesis during the second year of the programme;
2. **Discipline-specific knowledge** through coursework that addresses psychotherapy, psychological assessment, research methods, ethical practice, health and wellness, and psychopathology;
3. **Skill development** through supervised practicum placements in the community or Psychological Services and Research Centre and opportunities to practice in psychotherapy and assessment labs. Students complete 1000 hours of practicum over two years.

For a more comprehensive description of the programme, visit our website at <http://www.umac.mo/psychology/>



Programme Plan



FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

- MCPY 101 Field Experience and Intrapersonal Development (3)
- MCPY 102 Psychotherapy Theories and LAB I: Adult and Elderly (3)
- MCPY 103 Professional and Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology (3)
- MCPY 104 Assessment I: Growth, Intake and Consultation (3)
- MCPY 205 Problematic Gambling Behaviours (3)

Spring Semester

- MCPY 111 Clinical Practicum and Supervision I: Adult and Elderly (3)
- MCPY 112 Psychotherapy Theories and LAB II: Child and Adolescent (3)
- MCPY 113 Clinical Research Methodology: Quantitative and Qualitative (3)
- MCPY 114 Assessment II: Cognitive and Special Measures (3)
- MCPY 115 Child and Adult Psychopathology (3)

Summer Semester

- MCPY 121 Clinical Practicum and Supervision II (2)
- MCPY 123 Psychopharmacology (2)

*Number of credits is in parenthesis



Programme Plan



SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

- MCPY 105 Health, Wellness and Human Diversity (3)
- MCPY 201 Clinical Practicum and Supervision III: Child and Adolescent (3)
- MCPY 202 Psychotherapy Theories and LAB III: Family Systems (3)
- MCPY 203 Research Thesis I (3)
- MCPY 204 Assessment III: Personality, Environment and Report Writing (3)

Spring Semester

- MCPY 211 Clinical Practicum and Supervision IV: Families, Couples, and Groups (3)
- MCPY 212 Psychotherapy Theories and LAB IV: Couples and Groups (3)
- MCPY 213 Research Thesis II (3)
- MCPY 215 Case Defence and Competency Exam (2)

*Number of credits is in parenthesis



Practicum Opportunities



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he University of Macau partners with community agencies (non-governmental and governmental organizations) to provide real-world settings in which to observe psychology in action and to practice psychotherapy, assessment, and consultation skills. Over the two years of the programme, students spend 1000 hours working in community organizations. Some of our partners are:

- Associação de Reabilitação de Toxicodependentes de Macau (ARTM)
- Associação de Reabilitação “Fu Hong” de Macau Centro I Lok
- Caritas Longevity Special Day Care Center
- Caritas Centro de Santa Margarida
- Caritas Casa Ricci Elderly Center
- Caritas Overseas Laborer Center
- Caritas Casa Corcel Center
- Fountain of Hope
- Yat On Centre
- YMCA



EXPERIENCE

Why Choose UM?



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he MSS Programme in Clinical Psychology meets international training standards. Our faculty are experienced clinicians, teachers, and researchers from across the world. We have extensive training resources, including the following facilities:

The Department of Psychology houses a **Psychological Services and Research Centre** that provides group and individual psychotherapy and assessment facilities. State-of-the-art recording equipment and observation windows allow close supervision of trainees.

The Department of Psychology has a **Psychology Resource Centre**, an extensive library of psychological assessment measures that are available to students for training, research, and clinical work.



Admissions Requirements

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Admission to the programme takes place every two years. The next application and admissions cycle will be in winter/spring 2012 for the 2012 - 2013 academic year. Applicants are required to have:

1. A bachelor's degree in psychology OR other bachelor's degree and completion of courses in:
 - Statistics
 - Social Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Personality Psychology
 - Psychological Testing or Assessment
 - Learning, Memory, and Cognition
 - Biological Psychology
2. A GPA of at least 2.70 (80%) for regular admissions
3. The following information included in an online application:
 - TOEFL, IELTS, or CET scores (for non-UM graduates)
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Curriculum vitae and personal statement, including research interests
 - Writing sample in APA format based on a topic to be announced by the programme (check the department website for topic)
 - GRE (general) scores if available (highly recommended)
 - Academic transcripts

Application

Students are required to complete an online application.

Please see UM admissions procedures at

<http://www.umac.mo/grs/admission.html>



Student Finances



A limited number of Studentships and Graduate Assistantships are available.

Studentships

Studentships are awarded by the UM Graduate School. They are extremely competitive and include both tuition waiver and a monthly stipend. Studentship recipients work for the Psychology Department. Students should indicate their interest in being considered for a Studentship in the online application upon applying for admission.

Additional information about the studentship, including stipend amount, as well as information about tuition, is available at <http://www.umac.mo/grs/>

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships are either part-time or full-time. They do not include tuition waiver. Some are paid by an hourly rate and others are paid as a monthly stipend (depending on funding source). Some Graduate Assistantships are funded through the Psychology Department and most involve working as a teaching assistant. Other Graduate Assistantships are funded through individual faculty research grants; students work as research assistants. Students will be informed of Graduate Assistantship opportunities after they are admitted to the programme.

Clinical Faculty



Gertina van Schalkwyk, Ph.D. is the Acting Head of the Department of Psychology at the University of Macau. She received her Ph.D in Psychology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Both in teaching and research, her interests focus on human development across the life-span, women's studies, identity construction during different periods of the life cycle, family systems, and qualitative research methods. She has received awards for exemplary leadership in education, and the *Faculty Teaching Award 2007-2009* in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Macau.

Research Areas

- Children's Perceptions of Family
- Collaborative Teaching Strategies for Higher Education in Asia
- Mapping Family Systems and School-Based Family Counseling
- Narrative identities – Women and Adolescents
- Teaching of Psychology
- Theory Development in Psychology



J. Mark Davis, Ph.D. is the Coordinator of the Clinical Psychology MSS Programme and assistant professor of psychology at the University of Macau. He is a neuropsychologist and licensed psychologist in the U.S. state of Georgia. Prior to joining the faculty of the University of Macau, he was Head of Evaluation and Training at the University of Georgia's Regents' Center for Learning Disorders for nearly 10 years, assistant professor of psychology at Georgia Gwinnett College for 2.5 years, and a postdoctoral fellow in clinical neuropsychology at the University of Washington School of Medicine for two years.

Research Areas

- Cognitive assessment
- Assessment of mood and psychopathology
- Cross-cultural applications of psychological tests
- ADHD and learning disorders

Clinical Faculty



Rik Carl D'Amato, Ph.D. serves as Professor and Director of the university-wide Centre for Teaching and Learning Enhancement, which focuses on mentoring new faculty members. Prof. D'Amato is a prolific scholar and award winning teacher.

Research Areas

- Neuropsychological assessment
- Neuropsychological interventions
- Personality assessment
- Subtyping children's Learning Disabilities
- Serving patients with Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Serving patients with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Issues in school practice
- Performance-assessment
- Using technology in university teaching
- International education



Kay Chang, Pys.D. is an assistant professor of psychology who joined the faculty of the University of Macau in 2004. She is a licensed clinical psychologist in the State of California, a registered psychologist in Hong Kong, and a registered psychotherapist in Macao. She is also an internationally certified addiction specialist working in the field since 1994. Dr. Chang was among the top graduates from the renowned California School of Professional Psychology in the San Francisco Bay Area, United States. She completed an APA internship programme with distinction.

Research Areas

- Addictive Behaviors
- Aging
- Bereavement
- Creativity
- Ethnic-Specific Mental Health
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Program Evaluation
- Spirituality
- Positive Psychology

Clinical Faculty



Doris S. Mok, Ph.D. is an associate professor of psychology at the University of Macau. She is a clinical psychologist licensed in California, U.S.A. and registered in Hong Kong. Her expertise is in child clinical psychology and she also has a school psychologist credential in California. Prior to her appointment at the University of Macau, she was an associate professor at Azusa Pacific University, California and had been teaching and supervising students in the Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) and Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) Programme since 2000.

Research Areas

- Child Abuse & Neglect
- Cross-cultural Issues
- Developmental Disabilities
- Diversity & Ethnic Minority Issues
- Early Childhood Education
- Psychological Issues in Higher Education
- Trauma Psychology



Mary Man Yee Poon, Psy.D. is a visiting professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Macau. She received her degree in clinical psychology from The Wright Institute in Berkeley, California. She is a registered psychologist of the Hong Kong Psychological Society, and a member of the Division of Clinical Psychology. Her specialty is in working with addictive behaviours. She completed post-doctoral training at the Harm Reduction Therapy Centre, also with a concentration on substance abuse. Besides drug addiction, she has also worked with clients with gambling addiction and internet addiction, and conducted research on smoking cessation at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Poon has worked in many different clinical settings such as community mental health, high schools, child development centres, residential treatment centres, and juvenile hall. She completed additional specialized training in Play and Sandplay therapy.

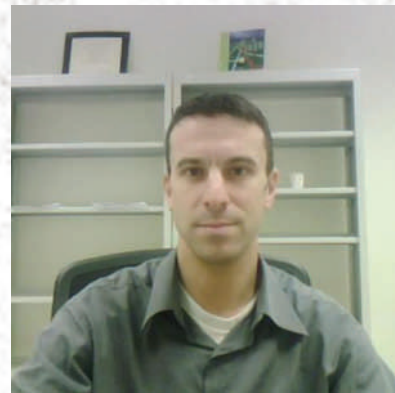
Clinical Faculty



Soo Yun Uhm, Ph.D. is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Macau. Prior to joining the faculty of the University of Macau, she was an assistant professor of psychology at Central College. She completed her doctorate in the Counselling/Clinical/ School Psychology Programme at the University of California, Santa Barbara and completed internship training at the University of Washington Medical School's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences. In addition, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Washington.

Research Areas

- Multicultural and cross-cultural psychology
- Impact of discrimination on health
- Asian American/Asian mental health (e.g., suicide, ethnic identity, career)



Charles Zaroff, Ph.D. is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Macau. He is a licensed psychologist in the U.S. state of New York. He obtained a Ph.D. in psychology, with a subspecialty in neuropsychology, at the City University of New York. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at New York University Medical Centre's Comprehensive Epilepsy Centre, where he eventually attained a position as an attending neuropsychologist, and a clinical assistant professor position in NYU's department of neurology. Most recently, he served as the Chief of Pediatric Neuropsychology at Northeast Regional Epilepsy Group. He has been active in state psychological organizations, and has published peer-reviewed research in areas including neuropsychological assessment of neurological and neurogenetic conditions and the diagnosis and treatment of psychological non-epileptic seizures.

Research Areas

- Neuropsychological assessment
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Developmental learning disorders
- Epilepsy
- Conversion disorder

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