

Psychology Club Minutes

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- € Dr. Wasieleski stopped by to discuss the clinical psychology program here at VSU. Attachment of some of the requirements to get in is included below.
- € The t shirts have been voted on and the winner is... "A Psychology Students Hierarchy of Needs" example of what it is going to look like is available below. The t shirt will be turquoise, \$10 to purchase and sign up sheets are available outside the psychology
 - € with more information are available outside the psychology classroom and the break room, please sign up as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer.
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Dr. Jill Geltner will be discussing kids with learning disabilities. If you are interested in this topic please stop and bring any questions you may have.

- € are the tentative dates set for the bake sale.
 - o Sign up sheet are available outside the psychology classroom and break room. Sign up if you would like to work the table or bake. If you are not able to make it to sign up email me what you would like to do and I will add your name.
- € has been selected for the Progressive

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will be our Thanksgiving feast. If you will be attending we ask that you bring at least one item which can be dropped off in the break room, signup sheets for what you would like to contribute will be available outside the psychology classrooms and break room.

Any questions/suggestions do not hesitate to email the Psychology Club.

M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology

The mission of the M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology is to serve the citizens of the region and state by offering instruction and services designed to improve the quality of life. Students are prepared to work in community counseling and mental health centers. The faculty offers training to assure the public of qualified, responsible professionals who provide assessment, consultation and counseling services. Students aspiring to further training and education in clinical and/or counseling psychology are given a foundation to pursue advanced degrees.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will demonstrate:

- € competence in appropriate assessment practices and awareness of assessment issues.
- € knowledge of *DSM* diagnostic criteria, skill at applying diagnostic techniques appropriately, and awareness of issues relevant to specific diagnostic categories.
- € knowledge of varied and appropriate intervention strategies and the skill to implement them to treat psychological problems.
- € skill in conducting interviews in several formats including intake, diagnostic, and crisis.
- € the integration of information from several sources (e.g., testing, interviews, etc.) in the writing of assessment reports and intervention notes and plans.
- € awareness of the needs of a culturally diverse clientele and the skills necessary to engage in culturally sensitive practices.
- € ethical decision-making and resolution of moral dilemmas.

Prerequisites

Undergraduate Coursework

The M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psyc

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Procedures

Regular Admission

To be considered for regular admission, the applicant must submit the following to the Graduate School:

1. Completed application for admission to the graduate school. Applicants must apply online at <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>. Submit all supporting documentation to the Graduate School in paper form.
2. \$35 non-refundable application fee paid online by credit card or check card at <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>.
3. Certification of Immunization.
4. Official transcripts from *every* college and university attended. Only transcripts of work at VSU will be obtained by the Graduate School.
5. Official test scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). For registration information on the GRE visit www.ets.org/gre.
6. Three letters of recommendation from professionals acquainted with the applicant's academic and/or vocational background and interests. These letters must reflect the ability, interest, and motivation of the candidate to be successful in the program of study and the career field. An official recommendation form must be submitted - letters can be included or attached to VSU's forms.
7. A written statement of no more than 250 words describing the student's interest in this program and their plans post-degree. This sample must demonstrate articulation, writing skill, and aims consistent with the mission of the degree program.

Probationary Admission

Students who do not meet one or more of the requirements for regular admission may qualify for probationary admission, but probationary admission is not guaranteed. Probationary admission may be considered by the department under the following two conditions:

1. Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA and 800 combined Verbal and Quantitative GRE with neither score below 400. Note: Should the Verbal GRE score be below 400, an applicant may still be considered for probationary admission if their Analytic Writing score is a 4 or higher.
2. Minimum combined Verbal and Quantitative GRE scores of 1000, with neither score below 400, and a 2.5 undergraduate GPA.

Students admitted under these conditions remain in probationary status for the first 9 semester hours of graduate work and must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA. After completion of the probationary period, students may be reclassified as "regular" students.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Program of Study

Required Classes (33 Hours)

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dates and Deadlines?

Graduate students are typically admitted for Fall semester, but applicants are considered for other semesters as well. All applicants are considered for admission as soon as their applications are complete. Applicants should apply as early as possible. Application deadlines are July 15 for the fall semester, November 15 for the spring semester, and May 1 for the summer semester.

Chances of a Graduate Assistantship?

While graduate assistantship positions cannot be guaranteed upon admittance into the program, many students within the program apply for an assistantship through the VSU graduate school and have acquired positions in various offices/departments across the university.

Do Students Work?

Most students in the graduate program find it manageable to work on a part time basis (less than 20 hours per week) either on or off campus. Evening scheduling of courses facilitates part time work during the day.

Length of Program?

Students attending the program full time (three cl

A Psychology Students Hierarchy of Needs

