

## Admission Requirements

- A. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- B. Undergraduate and graduate grade point average(s) of 2.5 or above, as reported on official transcript(s) mailed from issuing institutions.
- C. Official scores on the Graduate Record Exam general test.
- D. Completed application form and nonrefundable application fee.
- E. Three letters of recommendation. Ideally, two of these should be from former teachers, and should address the applicant's ability to perform at the graduate level, as well as relevant experiences he or she has had with the applicant.
- F. A written statement of intent.



In addition, students are required to have completed undergraduate coursework in lifespan human development, biopsychology, personality, and two semesters of statistics/methods. Students lacking sufficient background in these areas will be required to complete the appropriate coursework or demonstrate competency within the first year of study after admission to the program.

**New students will be admitted to the Master's of Psychology program only at the beginning of every Fall Semester. Admission applications must be received by April 30 to be considered for the upcoming Fall Semester.**



Information and Application Forms at

[www.uvi.edu](http://www.uvi.edu)

To apply, forward application to:

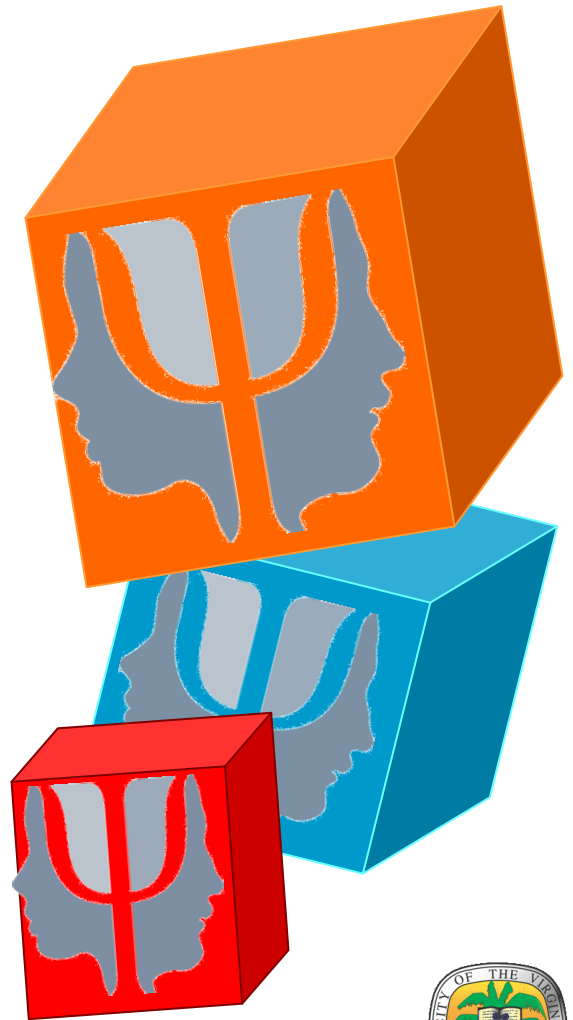
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# Master of Arts in Psychology

## COUNSELING CONCENTRATION



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The Master of Arts in Psychology with the Counseling concentration at the University of the Virgin Islands is designed to provide students with the necessary academic knowledge base, problem solving skills, and experiential opportunities to work in a variety of social service and counseling settings. This graduate Psychology Program does not itself lead to licensing, but does seek to prepare practitioners to use the science of psychology for the promotion of human well-being, specifically in the provision of psychological services to children, adolescents, and families in the mental health and judicial systems, in schools, and in a wide variety of other applied community settings in the territory.



The scientist-practitioner model provides the philosophical foundation for the program, and successful students will complete a rigorous theoretical and empirical academic basis in human development, research methods, testing and measurement in counseling, and psychopathology (including the biological influences on human functioning), in addition to a significant fieldwork experiential component. Competency in the efficient and effective delivery of comprehensive psychological services to individuals at all developmental levels, and families from all cultural backgrounds in the community is a strong programmatic focus. These services may include vocational and psychological assessment and intervention, substance abuse, depression, suicide and crisis intervention /prevention, and as-needed consultative services for "at-risk" individuals and families to promote and enhance their well being.



Consistent with these goals, the Master of Arts in psychology Program with concentration in Counseling at the University of the Virgin Islands is firmly grounded in the priorities and standards advanced by both the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association of Virgin Islands Psychologists (AVIP).

### Program of Study

#### Psychological and Biological Foundations

PSY 503 *Classic and Contemporary Approaches to Personality*

PSY 520 *Human Growth and Development through the Life Span*

PSY 534 *Abnormal Psychology*

PSY 550 *Drugs and Human Behavior*

#### Counseling Foundations and Methodology

PSY 530 *Research Methods in Applied Settings and Program Evaluation*

PSY 540 *Counseling and Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice*

PSY 541 *Psychological Counseling: Orientation and Ethics*

PSY 542 *Social and Cultural Contexts of Counseling*

PSY 630 *Psychometrics*

PSY 635 *Psychological Testing*

#### Interventions and Problem Solving in

#### Psychological Counseling

PSY 640 *Psychological Counseling with Individuals*

PSY 641 *Psychological Counseling with Children and Adolescents*

PSY 642 *Psychological Counseling with Groups*

PSY 643 *Family Systems Psychological Counseling*

PSY 644 *Community Mental Health*

*Counseling*

PSY 645 *Counseling in Vocational and*

*Career Development*

*Upon the completion of the above coursework, students may select one from the following options:*

#### Option A:

*Comprehensive examination*

and

PSY 695-696 *Internship in Psychology*

*(1200-hour supervised internship)*

*or*

#### Option B:

PSY 697-698. *Thesis in Psychology*

and

PSY 695-696 *Internship in Psychology*

*(1200-hour supervised internship)*