Master of Science in Counseling

The program described below was approved by the Office of the Chancellor on February 3, 1989.

Prerequisites for the General Option and the Option in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling
A bachelor's degree with 24 upper division units in the following areas of study in the behavioral sciences (suggested courses in education noted in parentheses):
(1) Developmental: 3 units (ED P 301 or 302);
(2) Educational Psychology: 3 units (ED P 305);
(3) Behavior Dynamics: 3 units (ED P 311);
(4) Individual Differences: 3 units (ED P 350);
(5) Statistics and Measurement: 6 units (ED P 419 and 420);
(6) Counseling and Guidance: 3 units (ED P 430 or 434B, ED P 430 required for MFCC Option).
Other upper division courses may be substituted from Anthropology, Human Development, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, or other appropriate disciplines provided they satisfy the area definition. Such substitutions must be selected in consultation with an advisor.

Requirements for the General Option (code 7-3165)
Students must complete a minimum of 36 units of upper division and graduate courses with a minimum of 27 units in the 500/600 level series taken at this University including the following:

(A) Degree Core:
(1) All of the following 12 units: ED P 520, 532, 533, and 536;
(2) One of the following chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor: ED P 695A (2) or 695B (3) and 698 (4) for thesis; or ED P 695B (3) and written comprehensive examination.

(B) General Option Requirements by Specialization; completion of at least one of the following areas of specialization:
(1) Elementary and Secondary Counseling and Guidance (12 units) ED P 541A, 545A, 631, 637A;
(2) Student Services in Higher Education (15 units) All of the following: ED P 538, 539, 541B, 545B, and 637A;
(3) Career Specialist (18 units) All of the following: ED P 529, 530, 531, 541C, 545C, and 637C.

(C) Suggested electives to total 36 units (Other electives may be selected in consultation with an advisor): ED P 510, 519, 534, 555, 604, 605, 615, 639, 640, or 696.

Requirements for the Option in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling (MFCC) (code 7-3175)
Students must complete a minimum of 48 units of upper division and graduate courses with a minimum of 36 units in the 500/600 level series taken at this University including the following:

(A) Degree Core:
(1) All of the following 12 units: ED P 520, 532, 533, and 536;
(2) One of the following chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor: ED P 695A (2) or 695B (3) and 698 (4) for thesis; or ED P 695B (3) and written comprehensive examination.

(B) MFCC Option Requirements:
(1) All of the following: ED P 510, 511, 512, 541D, 543, 545D, 555, 560, 604, 633 and 634;
(2) An elective course chosen in consultation with an advisor to total 48 units.