

School Psychology Doctoral
Program
Direct to the Doctorate

Some entering students have taken a considerable number of graduate hours in school psychology and related fields. The school psychology faculty believe there are so many exciting learning opportunities at A&M, both within and outside the EPSY Department that we do not want students to take courses that cover content previously mastered. On the other hand, we want to be sure that all graduates of our program possess both the scientific and theoretical perspectives, practice knowledge, and competencies necessary to fulfill the roles we anticipate for our graduates, as well as content covered in program examinations on completion of coursework (preliminary examinations) and licensure exams. The Minimum Course Requirements for Texas A&M University Doctoral Training Program in School Psychology (in the SPSY Student Handbook) serves as a worksheet for students to complete, in consultation with their advisor. If a student believes he or she has met a course requirement in previous graduate course work, the student must go through the School Psychology program’s course waiver process. We strongly recommend that the student begin this process after accepting admission into the program to avoid delay in their doctoral program of study; however, it also possible to begin this process at any time during their doctoral studies.

Students Eligible to waive or transfer courses. All students admitted into TAMU’s School Psychology doctoral program are eligible to waive out of select required courses (see below), this includes currently enrolled students and admitted students entering the program with a Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree, Specialist Degree or graduate coursework related to a master’s/specialist/doctoral degree that was not completed. The program does not make course waiver/transfer decisions prior to admittance into the program.

Decision to waive or transfer course. A course can only be used toward a single degree. If the student has taken a graduate course and obtained a degree, they would be requesting a course waiver. If the student took coursework and transferred to TAMU without getting a terminal degree, then the student can transfer up to 12 credits to the TAMU degree plan. Students should be aware that TAMU’s Office of Graduate and Professional Studies requires a minimum of 64 credit hours for a doctoral degree. Thus, waived/transferred courses may need to be replaced by electives in order to meet 64 credit hour requirement for the doctoral degree.

TAMU SPSY Required Courses Approved for waiver/transfer: The following courses may be waived/transferred if the student meets the requirements outlined in the course wavier document accessible on the Division’s CANVAS page. Courses not listed below are not eligible for course waivers/transfer regardless of circumstances.

<u>Foundational</u>	<u>Therapy & Consultation</u>
SPSY 610: Child Psychopathology	SPSY 641: Child Therapy for School Behavior Problems
EPSY 621: Clinical Neuropsychology	SPSY 644: Child Therapy Advanced Theory & Techniques
EPSY 647: Life Span Development	SPSY 628: Consultation Theory and Techniques
EPSY 644: History & Systems	
<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Research Methods & Statistics</u>
SPSY 643: Academic Assessment & Intervention	EPSY 636: Techniques of Research
SPSY 642: Behavioral Assessment and Intervention	EPSY 635: Educational Statistics
SPSY 612: Individual Assessment of Children's Intelligence	EPSY 622: Measurement and Evaluation in Education
SPSY 617: Assessment of Emotional Disturbance in Children	EPSY 640: Statistical Analysis in Education Research I
<u>Externship</u>	EPSY 641: Statistical Analysis in Education Research II
SPSY 683: School-Based Externship	