MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) MAJOR IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Major Program
The master of arts (M.A.) with a major in professional counseling consists of three specializations:

- clinical mental health counseling,
- marital, couple and family counseling, and
- school counseling.

These three areas of specialization in the professional counseling major have required course sequences that build skills through three levels, from basic to advanced, via didactic and experiential activities. The curriculum includes core foundations in theories, interventions, assessment, and research. In addition, core tenets that are emphasized throughout the program include diversity, ethics, professional development, and self-awareness. There is a strong emphasis on experiential learning integrated with the application of didactic, research-based knowledge. Internship is required as the capstone experience. The specializations in community counseling, marital, couple, and family counseling; and school counseling are nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP).

Application Requirements
The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the 2017-2018 academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the 2017-2018 academic year can be found on the program’s web page (http://gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs). International students should review the International Admission Documents (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international) section of the catalog for additional requirements.

- completed online ApplyTexas application
- $40 nonrefundable application fee
- $50 nonrefundable international evaluation fee (if applicable)
- $55 Texas Education Agency technology fee (if offered admission to the school counseling specialization)
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts required from each four-year institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.0 GPA in your last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- official GRE scores required with a preferred minimum of 291 with no less than 150 in the verbal section and 141 in the quantitative section
  - The GRE may be waived if you hold a master’s or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. If you hold a master’s or doctoral degree (or the equivalent thereof) from an accredited international institution, the GRE may be waived on an individual basis.
- informed consent form
- resume/CV

- statement of purpose
- three forms of recommendation (not general reference letters)

TOEFL or IELTS Scores for school counseling applicants
Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores with minimum individual scores of
  - 19 listening
  - 19 reading
  - 26 speaking
  - 19 writing

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

TOEFL or IELTS scores for clinical mental health counseling & marriage and family counseling applicants
Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and
  - minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements
The master of arts (M.A.) with a major in professional counseling consists of three specializations. Two specializations with a minimum of 60 semester hours are clinical mental health counseling and marital, couple, and family counseling. Both areas of specialization meet academic requirements for the Texas Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential. The marital, couple, and family counseling specialization also meets academic requirements for the Texas Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) credential. A third area of specialization is a 55-hour program in school counseling.

A grade of “B” or better must be earned in all course work counting toward a professional counseling degree.

Course Requirements
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| COUN 5354    | Basic Techniques in Counseling | 3      |
| COUN 5359    | Psychopathology in Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 3      |
COUN 5369  Child and Adolescent Counseling Methods 3
Total Hours 33

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialization (Non-thesis)
COUN 5301  Professional Counseling Orientation 3
COUN 5344  Substance Abuse and Counseling: An Introduction 3
COUN 5367  Marital and Family Counseling: Current Theories 3
Graduate Advisor Approved Electives (Choose 3 hours) 3
Clinical Requirement (Choose 1 class)
COUN 5366  Intermediate Methods in Adult Counseling
COUN 5370  Intermediate Methods in Counseling Adolescents
COUN 5373  Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy
COUN 5389  Site-Based Internship (Taken twice) 6
COUN 5689  Clinical Practicum 6
Total Hours 27

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialization (Thesis)
COUN 5301  Professional Counseling Orientation 3
COUN 5344  Substance Abuse and Counseling: An Introduction 3
COUN 5367  Marital and Family Counseling: Current Theories 3
Graduate Advisor Approved Electives (Choose 3 hours) 3
Clinical Requirement (Choose 1 class)
COUN 5366  Intermediate Methods in Adult Counseling
COUN 5370  Intermediate Methods in Counseling Adolescents
COUN 5373  Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy
COUN 5389  Site-Based Internship (Taken twice) 6
COUN 5689  Clinical Practicum 6
Thesis Courses (Choose a minimum 6 hours) 6
COUN 5199B  Thesis
COUN 5299B  Thesis
COUN 5399A  Thesis
COUN 5399B  Thesis
COUN 5599B  Thesis
COUN 5999B  Thesis
Total Hours 33

School Counseling Specialization (Non-thesis)
COUN 5328  Professional Orientation in School Counseling: Leadership, Advocacy, and Accountability 3
COUN 5338  Advanced Issues in School Counseling: Counseling, Consultation, and Coordination of Services 3
COUN 5373  Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy 3
COUN 5370  Intermediate Methods in Counseling Adolescents 3
COUN 5389  Site-Based Internship 3
COUN 5689  Clinical Practicum 6
Total Hours 21
If a student elects to follow the thesis option for the degree, a committee to direct the written thesis will be established. The thesis must demonstrate the student's capability for research and independent thought. Preparation of the thesis must be in conformity with the Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation.

The student must submit an official Thesis Proposal Form (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/forms.html) and proposal to his or her thesis committee. Thesis proposals vary by department and discipline. Please see your department for proposal guidelines and requirements. After signing the form and obtaining committee members' signatures, the graduate advisor's signature if required by the program and the department chair's signature, the student must submit the Thesis Proposal Form with one copy of the proposal attached to the dean of The Graduate College for approval before proceeding with research on the thesis. If the thesis research involves human subjects, the student must obtain exemption or approval from the Texas State Institutional Review Board prior to submitting the proposal form to The Graduate College. If the thesis research involves vertebrate animals, the proposal form must include the Texas State IACUC approval code. It is recommended that the
thesis proposal form be submitted to the dean of The Graduate College by the end of the student’s enrollment in 5399A. Failure to submit the thesis proposal in a timely fashion may result in delayed graduation.

Thesis Committee

The thesis committee must be composed of a minimum of three approved graduate faculty members.

Thesis Enrollment and Credit

The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. For a student's initial thesis course enrollment, the student will need to register for thesis course number 5399A. After that, the student will enroll in thesis B courses in their field, e.g., ENG 5399A, ENG 5199B, ENG 5299B, ENG 5399B, ENG 5599B, and ENG 5999B, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is defended with the department and approved by The Graduate College. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

A student will be required to enroll in and pay the fee for at least one hour of the thesis course during any term in which the student will receive thesis supervision or guidance and/or in which the student is using university resources. Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B. The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdraw), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit (“CR”) will be awarded only after the thesis has been both approved by The Graduate College and released to Alkek Library.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I (during the summer, the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

Fee Reduction

A master's degree candidate for graduation may be eligible for a one-time fee reduction under V.T.C.A. Education Code, Section 54.054. Please refer to the section titled Fee Reduction in the Additional Fees and Expenses chapter of this catalog for more information.

Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process

Thesis deadlines are posted on The Graduate College (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) website under “Current Students.” The completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee on or before the deadlines listed on The Graduate College website.

The following must be submitted to The Graduate College by the thesis deadline listed on The Graduate College website:

1. The Thesis Submission Approval Form bearing original (wet) and/or electronic signatures of the student and all committee members.
2. One (1) PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the online Vireo submission system.

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, Alkek Library will harvest the document from the Vireo submission system for publishing in the Digital Collections database (according to the student's embargo selection). NOTE: MFA theses will have a permanent embargo and will never be published to Digital Collections.

While original (wet) signatures are preferred, there may be situations as determined by the chair of the committee in which obtaining original signatures is inefficient or has the potential to delay the student's progress. In those situations, the following methods of signing are acceptable:

- signing and faxing the form
- signing, scanning, and emailing the form
- notifying the department in an email from their university's or institution's email account that the committee chair can sign the form on their behalf
- electronically signing the form using the university's licensed signature platform.

Scanned, faxed, or email communications must be submitted to The Graduate College together with the form containing original signatures.

No copies are required to be submitted to Alkek Library. However, the library will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to Alkek Library and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

Master's level courses in Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology: COUN

Courses Offered

Counseling (COUN)

COUN 5178. Independent Study. Individual problems or research topics designed to place emphasis on selected areas of study. May be repeated twice for additional credit at the discretion of the department chair
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5199B. Thesis. This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in the course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

COUN 5299B. Thesis. This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in the course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
COUN 5301. Professional Counseling Orientation.
This course is presented as a basis for future counselors to understand community counseling agencies, standards of preparation, and the role identity of persons providing direct counseling treatment interventions. This course includes information on the licensure process, professional organizations, ethical and legal aspects of practice, advocacy processes, and theoretical/applied information.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5305. Assessment in Counseling.
Problems and principles of administration, scoring and interpreting group and individually administered tests; utilization of test data for diagnostic, placement, predictive, and evaluative purposes; elementary statistical procedures; laboratory activities in test administration, scoring, and interpretation.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5307. Theories of Counseling and Personality.
This course surveys systematically derived theories of counseling and personality from their origins in social discourse, philosophy, and psychology to the present time. Each theorist is presented biographically and the theory considered with regard to its clinical, cultural, and ethical relevance and application to diverse populations. Prerequisite: COUN 5350 preferred.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5316. Counseling Diverse Populations.
This seminar is designed to sensitize students to the roles societal power disparities, therapist’s racial identity and awareness, and client racial/cultural identity play in counseling persons of diverse backgrounds. The dynamics of counseling clients who are African-American, Asian-American, female, gay/lesbian, Latino/a, Native-American, and persons with disabilities, will be examined. (MULT)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Orientation to identity and role of professional school counselors, and introduction to the study of comprehensive developmental guidance programs. Course reflects the Texas and ASCA Models with related standards. Topics include: program planning, implementation, and evaluation; use of data and accountability; leadership role; and ethical and legal practices in schools.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5330. Assessment Applications in Child & Adolescent Counseling.
This course emphasizes a hands-on approach to the assessments most frequently used by school counselors and child and adolescent counselors. Topics include assessment measures, statistical and research concepts, program evaluation and interpretation. Implications for counseling are also addressed. Prerequisites: COUN 5328 and COUN 5368
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5338. Advanced Issues in School Counseling: Counseling, Consultation, and Coordination of Services.
Course covers advanced topics in counseling children and adolescents in schools. Emphasis will be placed on developmentally appropriate preventative and responsive counseling services. Consultation and collaboration with parents, school personnel, and community partners, as well as contextual issues in school counseling, will be addressed. Prerequisites: COUN 5328, COUN 5316, COUN 5368
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5340. Loss and Grief Recovery Counseling.
An in-depth study of loss and its aftermath, grief. Emphasis is given to the counseling literature, loss and grief in the arts, personal loss experience, and particular counseling interventions.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5344. Substance Abuse and Counseling: An Introduction.
This course focuses on chemical dependency across counseling settings, including school, agency, and private practice. This course includes theoretical and applied information on causative factors, assessment, and treatment strategies across a variety of settings and populations via didactic and experimental coursework.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5345. Psychodrama Methods.
The course is both didactic and experimental. It provides a history of therapeutic drama beginning with the Greek theater of Dionysus. The work of J.L. Moreno is presented and the basic tenets of the theory studied. Students then engage in creating, producing, and acting out actual psychodramatic productions.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5346. Filial Therapy.
Theoretical and practical application of the filial model will be addressed as well as techniques in training parents in the overall principles and methodology of child-centered play therapy. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis. Corequisite: COUN 5560 or COUN 5389 or permission of instructor.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

COUN 5350. Advanced Counselor Ethics.
This course focuses on ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, and applications of ethical and legal considerations in professional counseling settings. Emphasis is placed on national and current state board rules, records management, strategies for personal and professional self-evaluation, implications for practice, and client and professional advocacy.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5351. Current Issues in Marriage, Couple and Family Therapy.
This course provides students with information regarding special issues in marital, couple and family counseling, including: grief and loss; domestic violence; substance abuse in the family; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues; divorce; and re-parenting. Prerequisite: COUN 5316 and COUN 5367
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
COUN 5354. Basic Techniques in Counseling.
This course is designed to introduce the student to basic counseling skills via role-play and videotape. The course also provides a general model of effective counseling, including basic communication skills and theory techniques. Prerequisite: COUN 5307 with a minimum grade of "B".
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5355. Career Counseling.
Career choice and development are considered as critical aspects of persons in material cultures where occupation is a major component of one's identity. Career concerns often addressed in counseling are presented and discussed along with the area of vocational guidance, occupational information, and preference inventories.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5358. Dynamics & Processes in Group Counseling.
An intensive laboratory experience requiring highly active student participation in the form of honest, direct, and open communication combined with authentic self-exploration within the group setting. Through participation and required reading, students will gain first-hand familiarity with the basic principles of the dynamics that are characteristic of therapeutic groups. Prerequisites: COUN 5354 and COUN 5307. Corequisite: COUN 5158.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5359. Psychopathology in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.
The principles of understanding dysfunction in human behavior and systemic organization. This course includes diagnostic, preventive, and remedial methods and interventions. Prerequisite: COUN 5307.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5360. Intermediate Methods in Marital, Couple and Family Counseling.
Marital, couple, and family theory and techniques are discussed, selected, applied, and refined through lecture and supervised clinical practice. Specific skills include joining, diagnosis, goal formulation, treatment planning, termination, referral, and record keeping. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis. Prerequisites: COUN 5351, COUN 5354, COUN 5359, COUN 5367, and COUN 5369.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

Provides experience in supervising practicum or intern students and integrating the theoretical foundations and current issues of professional supervision. Emphasis includes ethical, multicultural, gender, age, and lifestyle concerns in supervisory relationships, and academic requirements for supervisory status for Texas Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Specialist in School Psychology credentials. Course can be repeated once for credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

Counseling theories and techniques are discussed, selected, applied and refined through lecture and supervised practice. Specific skills include initiating the helping relationship process, diagnosis, goal formulation, treatment planning, termination, referral, and record keeping. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis. Prerequisites: COUN 5316, COUN 5354 and COUN 5359.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

COUN 5367. Marital and Family Counseling: Current Theories.
This course is designed to examine the principles of communication and the goals of marital, couple and family counseling. Selected theories, approaches and techniques used in marital, couple and family counseling will be examined.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5368. Developmental Issues in Counseling Children, Adolescents, and Adults.
Emphasis will be on understanding the interactions between the developmental needs of each of these age groups and counseling techniques and procedures used to deliver mental health services to each of these groups.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5369. Child and Adolescent Counseling Methods.
Course focus is an overview of counseling interventions with children and adolescents in agency, school, and private practice. Group, individual, and systems techniques will be covered. Assessment of child psychopathology and techniques for consulting with parents will be included. Prerequisites: COUN 5354 and COUN 5368.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course will provide an overview of counseling interventions with children and adolescents in agency, school, and private practice. Group, individual, and systems techniques will be covered. Assessment of child psychopathology and techniques for consulting with parents will be included. Prerequisites: COUN 5316, COUN 5359 and COUN 5369.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

COUN 5372. Assessment and Treatment in Marriage and Family Counseling.
This course addresses the assessment of individual, couple, and family functioning and the planning and implementation of marital, couple and family treatment methods. Prerequisite: COUN 5367.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

COUN 5373. Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy.
This course explores the philosophical basis for play therapy, the history of play therapy, theoretical applications, techniques, stages, ethical issues, and application to a variety of populations and diagnostic categories. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis. Prerequisites: COUN 5316, COUN 5359 and COUN 5369.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
This course emphasizes the skills needed to work with school aged children (Pre-K - 12). Students will learn counseling interventions specific to school aged children, and they will work with one student over the course of the semester. In addition, students will lead one group outside of the class in order to receive full credit for the course. Prerequisites: COUN 5328 and COUN 5368.  
_3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Standard Letter._

COUN 5378. Problems in Counseling.  
Individual problems not related to thesis. Designed to place emphasis on selected areas of study. May be repeated once for additional credit at the discretion of the department chair.  
_3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Standard Letter._

COUN 5380. Introduction to Animal-Assisted Therapy.  
Animal-assisted therapy (AAT) is the incorporation of qualified animals into therapeutic settings. This course will provide an introduction to the animal-assisted therapy field, the human-animal bond, evidence-based research in AAT, various therapeutic settings, and positive training approaches. Instructor approval is required for enrollment.  
_3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Standard Letter._

COUN 5381. Sandtray Therapy Methods.  
This course provides students with the philosophical basis for sandtray therapy as a therapeutic intervention for children and families, including a review of its history, applications, techniques, stages, and ethical issues. Didactic and experiential methods are used. Prerequisite: COUN 5369. Co-requisite: COUN 5389 or COUN 5689 or permission of instructor.  
_3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Standard Letter._

COUN 5389. Site-Based Internship.  
An on-site practicum-internship occurring in a school or agency setting with supervision by on-site and university supervisors. May be repeated based on the recommendation of the counseling faculty. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis. Prerequisites: COUN 5301, COUN 5328, COUN 5358, and all required coursework completed or departmental permission.  
_6 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit._

COUN 5391. Research Methods.  
This course provides an understanding of research methods and design, statistical analysis, needs assessment, and program evaluation relevant to the field of professional counseling.  
_3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Standard Letter._

COUN 5394. Counseling Women.  
This elective course involves student exploration of gender in historical, social, and global contexts with emphasis on counseling approaches and interventions specific to the concerns of women and girls. Topics include gender development, gender socialization, sexuality, career and family, violence against women, body image concerns, and overall women's mental health. Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Counseling major. Non-Counseling students with permission on instructor.  
_3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours._  
_Grade Mode: Standard Letter._