Gender & Women’s Studies PhD Program

Concentration in Psychology (Social, Developmental, or Clinical)

Description
The concentration in Psychology will provide students with the tools – both methods and theory – to conduct psychological research. The main approach is quantitative, although qualitative methods are also possible. The student might choose to specialize in one of the relevant areas of Psychology – social, clinical, or developmental – or develop expertise across these areas. The Core Faculty conduct research on exciting topics including sexual violence, trauma, and sexuality. This concentration should provide the student with additional credentials for the job market, whether in academia or outside academia.

Core GWS Faculty:
For the Psychology concentration, the student must have an advisor from the core faculty:

Kate Walsh (GWS and Psychology – Clinical)
   Areas: Sexual violence; trauma, PTSD, and substance use disorders; emotion dysregulation; prevention and intervention

Sara Chadwick (GWS and Psychology – Social)
   Areas: gray area sexual coercion and abuse; sexuality; orgasm; masculinity; sexual desire; mixed methods

Affiliate Faculty:
Stephanie Budge (Counseling Psychology)
   Areas: transgender and nonbinary health, LGBQ health, psychotherapy research, community based participatory research methods, health equity

Course Requirements:
Students wishing to have a concentration in Psychology must complete 15 credits of graduate work in the Psychology Department as follows:

1. Two semesters of statistics, PSY 610 and 710 (4 credits each, total 8 credits)

2. Additional courses totaling 7 credits from the area of Psychology in which the student wants to specialize: Clinical, Developmental, or Social. Proseminars do not count toward this total. Examples of possible courses include Psych 728, Classic Issues in Social Psychology (3 credits)
Psych 729, Advanced Social Psychology (3 credits)
Psych 806, Principles of Psychotherapy Research (2 credits)
Psych 811, Theory of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (3 credits)
Psych/GWS 932, Psychology of Women and Gender (3 credits, counts for both GWS elective requirement and Psychology requirement)
A 500-level Psychology course that is offered for advanced undergraduates and graduate students such as Psych 503, Social Development (4 credits)
A third semester of statistics/methods may count toward the 7 credits. Several of these courses are found in Educational Psychology. Examples include
  Ed Psych 827, Surveys and Other Quantitative Data Collection Strategies
  Ed Psych 960, Structural Equation Modeling
  Ed Psych 964, Hierarchical Linear Modeling