

Department of Gender & Women's Studies Ph.D. Program

Psychology Concentration

Description:

The Psychology Concentration provides students with the theoretical and methodological tools to conduct psychological research. The main approach is quantitative although a focus on qualitative methods is available. Students may specialize in social, clinical, or developmental psychology or develop expertise across these areas. Core faculty conduct research on exciting topics including sexual violence, trauma, and sexuality. Students who successfully complete this concentration will acquire key skills and credentials for the academic and non-academic job markets.

Core GWS Faculty:

Students must be advised by one of the following core faculty members:

Kate Walsh (GWS and Psychology - Clinical)

Fields: Sexual violence; trauma, PTSD, and substance use disorders; emotion dysregulation; prevention and intervention

Sara Chadwick (GWS and Psychology - Social)

Fields: gray area sexual coercion and abuse; sexuality; orgasm; masculinity; sexual desire; mixed methods

Affiliate Faculty:

Stephanie Budge (Counseling Psychology)

Fields: transgender and nonbinary health, LGBTQ health, psychotherapy research, community based participatory research methods, health equity

Course Requirements:

Students must complete 15 credits of graduate work in the Psychology Department as follows:

1. **Two** semesters of statistics - Psych 610 **AND** Psych 710 (4 credits each; total 8 credits)
2. Courses, totaling 7 credits, from the area of psychology in which the student intends to specialize: a) Clinical Psychology, b) Developmental Psychology, or c) Social Psychology. *Proseminars do not count toward this total.*
3. Possible, additional 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. Examples include Psych 503 and Social Development (4 credits)
- A third semester of statistics/methods may count toward the 7 credits. Several of these courses are 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