

Diversity Science Certificate

Extra Courses in PSYCH (besides core grad required curriculum):

PSYCH 510 Core Concepts in Social Psychology

An overview of contemporary theories and research in social psychology, focusing on introducing graduate students to the field as practitioners of social psychological research.

PSYCH 547 SOCIAL STIGMA Cheryl Kaiser

This course is designed to expose graduate students to theoretical and empirical social psychological research on prejudice and stigma. Although we will cover major theoretical perspectives about the nature and function of prejudice, much of the course will be spent examining the cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and health effects of prejudice on its targets. We will also discuss the implications of research on stigma to disciplines outside of psychology, such as law.

PSYCH 547 CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY Janxin Leu

PSYCH 574 Community Psychology (4)

Overview of key issues and concepts in the field of community psychology. History of field and overview of different models used to conceptualize system-level mental health issues and delivery systems. Emphasizes theory and research rather than intervention.

Psych 580 Minority Mental Health

Surveys topics on mental health and treatment of racial and ethnic minorities. Theory emphases include: models addressing ethnic identity, cross-cultural differences, models of culturally sensitive intervention. Practice emphases include unique psychotherapy strategies for: African-, Asian-, and Latino-Americans, and American Indians.

PSYCH 581 Cross-cultural competency I

Focuses on development of multicultural competence in the provision of psychological services to meet APA guidelines for ethnic, linguistic, and culturally diverse populations. Students address personal development, increase their knowledge of diverse groups, and study effective models of intervention in working with clients of diverse backgrounds.

PSYCH 582 Cross-cultural competency II

Third in the graduate multicultural-competence sequence. Focuses on American ethnic minorities, multiracial children and families, social action, and organizational development.

OUTSIDE PSYCH

SOCIOLOGY

SOC W 510 Practice I: Introduction to Social Work Practice (3)

Foundation knowledge and skills for direct practice with individuals, families, and groups. Assists students toward mastery of interviewing and relationship building skills and knowledge of cross-cultural communication and practice issues and of social work values and ethics. Provides opportunity to develop beginning level skills in assessment. Offered: ASp.

SOC W 513 Practice IV: Community Change Practice (3)

Provides frame of reference and skills for community-based social work practice. Theories of social change are examined with examples drawn from community organizing and policy advocacy. Offered: Sp.

SOC W 592 Social Work Practice with African-American Families (3)

Introduces the study of African-American families from a historical, socio-cultural, and political perspective. Presents various theories for understanding African-American families and addresses an Afrocentric framework for intervention.

SOC 518 Social Stratification (3) Burstein

Intensive preparation in theoretical, methodological, and substantive topics in social stratification.

SOC 539 Selected Topics in Demography and Ecology (3, max. 9)

Specialized problems in demography or ecology are covered; for example, migration, fertility, mortality, language, race and ethnic relations, metropolitan community. See quarterly announcement for specific problem to be covered.

SOC 553 Seminar on Gender and Sexuality (3)

Research seminar considering theoretical and empirical approaches to sexuality, with particular attention to the importance of gender. Examines the social control of sexuality by the state and by families, as well as social meanings of sexuality within social movements related to various aspects of sexuality.

SOC 554 Seminar in the Sociology of Religion (3)

Survey of significant and active areas of theory and research in contemporary social scientific studies of religion.

SOC 559 Seminar on Gender Roles (3) Brines, Howard

Broad graduate-level introduction to theoretical issues concerning gender and society. Current state of empirical knowledge on the sociology of gender and strategies for research. Cross-cultural variations in conception of gender roles and how gender intersects with social institutions and social interactions.

SOC 562 Seminar in Comparative Race Relations (3)

Cross-cultural approach to race and ethnic relations, including case studies from Africa and Latin America. Prerequisite: graduate standing in social sciences.

SOC 565 Inequality: Current Trends and Explanations (3) Morris

Discussion of recent growth in economic inequality in the U.S. and competing explanations for these new trends through examination of labor market demographics, industrial composition and restructuring, and the broader political context that impacts policies like minimum wage, strength of unions, and foreign trade.

SOC 568 Social Mobility (3)

Description and measurement of social mobility. Determinants of mobility and cross-national comparisons. Consequences of mobility for social behaviors. Emphasizes movement from the socioeconomic position of family of origin to adult position. Prerequisite: SOC 518.

SOC 569 Demographic Studies of Stratification (3) Hirschman

Overview of development of models of socioeconomic achievement ("status attainment" paradigm) in the field of stratification. Begins with work of Blau and Duncan. Covers elaboration of basic models to include race and ethnicity, social psychological variables, class, school and labor market effects, and other structural variables. Prerequisite: SOC 513, SOC 518.

SOC 588 Special Topics in Stratification and Race Relations (3, max. 9)

Examination of current substantive topics in stratification and race relations. Content varies according to recent developments in the field and the interests of the instructor.

BIOLOGY

BIOL 409 Sociobiology (5) NW

Biological bases of social behavior, emphasizing evolution as a paradigm. Emphasizes how to think like evolutionary biologist, especially with regard to interest conflict. Topics are individual versus group selection, kin selection, altruism, mating systems, sexual conflict, alternate reproductive strategies, and parent/offspring conflict. Prerequisite: either 3.5 in PSYCH 200, 2.0 in PSYCH 300, 2.0 in BIOL 162, or 2.0 in BIOL 180. Offered: jointly with PSYCH 409.

BIOL 458 Behavioral Genetics (4) NW O'Donnell

Role of genetics in determining variation in human and animal behavior and in regulating behavioral development. Techniques for quantifying genetic variation, behavioral effects, and gene expression. Prerequisite: either 3.5 in PSYCH 200, 2.0 in PSYCH 300, or 2.0 in BIOL 161, or 2.0 in BIOL 180. Offered: jointly with PSYCH 458.

BIO A 477 Evolutionary Perspectives on Sex and Gender Roles (3) I&S/NW

Critical examination of theories explaining the evolution of sex differences and associated gender roles. Consideration of gender differences in mate preferences, parental investment, subsistence, aggressiveness, and risk-taking. Stresses interactions between biology and culture. Prerequisite: BIO A 201. Instructor Course Description: [Donna Leonetti Leila M. Porter](#)

BIO A 483 Human Genetics, Disease, and Culture (5) NW

Considers relationships among genetic aspects of human disease, cultural behavior, and natural habitat for a wide variety of conditions. Also considers issues of biological versus environmental determinism, adaptive aspects of genetic disease, and the role of cultural selection. Prerequisite: BIO A 201.

GENOME 565 Advanced Human Genetics (4) NW Eichler, King

Explores genetic analysis of naturally occurring variation in humans; origins and consequences of mutation, as mediated by selection, migration, population structure and drift; approaches to finding human disease genes and characterizing them at the molecular level; relevance of to other species to analysis of human genes. Prerequisite: GENOME 371; either GENOME 372 or BIOC 440. Offered: W.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

POL S 513 Issues in Feminist Theory (5, max. 10)

Contemporary issues in feminist theory as they affect studies of women, politics, and society. Content varies according to recent developments in the field and the research interests of the instructor. Instructor Course Description: [Christine Di Stefano Nancy C.M Hartssock](#)

POL S 536 Ethnic Politics and Nationality Formation (3)

Seminar on analysis and theoretical understanding of two interrelated processes: ethnic group persistence and change over time; and the transformation of ethnic groups into politically self-conscious and influential nationalities. The readings and discussions deal with these two processes in the contexts of both developing societies and advanced industrial societies.

POL S 570 The American Racial State (5)

Explores the mutually constitutive relationship between race and American political institutions, beginning with theories of race and racial constructions, race-making and nation-making, racial triangulation, and intersectionality. Examines various institutions and public policies as manifestations of the American racial state, focusing on the epistemological challenges of identifying race, racism, and racialization.

Instructor Course Description: [Naomi D Murakawa](#)

WOMEN'S STUDIES**WOMEN 501 History of Feminism (5) Barlow, Yee**

Study of feminism from the 18th through the 20th centuries in the national, international, and intranational world system, with a focus on imperialism, colonialism, nationalism, and modernity. Surveys the literature in a global context, supplemented by critical essays and historiographic reviews.

WOMEN 502 Cross Disciplinary Feminist Theory (5) Barlow

Raises questions about how feminism becomes theory and what the relation of feminist theory is to conventional disciplines. Readings exemplify current crises in feminism (e.g., the emergence of neo-materialism; critical race theory; citizenship; identity; transnational and migrancy and questions of post-colonialism) to consider disciplinization.

WOMEN 503 Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry (5) Allen

Explores appropriate research methodologies for interdisciplinary work. Asks how scholarship is related to feminism as a social movement and to the institutions in which we work. Focuses on how similar objects of study are constituted in different disciplines for feminist scholars. Offered: Sp.

WOMEN 512 Critical and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Women's Health (3) Ensign, Schroeder

Critical examination of the historical, socio-political, and scientific influences on women's health. Issues of sexism, racism, and heterosexism discussed from the perspective of different disciplines. Offered: jointly with NURS 512; W.

WOMEN 550 White Privilege and Racism in Health and Human Services (3)

Explores relationships among the psychosocial health of people of color, American cultural patterns of intersecting forms of oppression (e.g., gender, race, and class) and the role of health professionals in defining, ameliorating, and aggravating psychosocial distress. Credit/No credit only. Offered: jointly with NURS 550; AWSp.

WOMEN 566 Discourse and Sex/uality (5)

Seminar-based analysis of discourse and social construction of eroticism/desire in face-to-face/mediatized talk and texts; examination of the reproduction of power, control and ideology through the linguistic and semiotic realization of sex/uality. Offered: jointly with COM 566.

WOMEN 589 Gender, Race, and Communication (5)

Analysis of the role of media in the construction of reality, production processes, and their influence on media representation of women and people of color. Offered: jointly with COM 567.\

LAW SOCIETIES AND JUSTICE**LSJ 331 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States (5) I&S**

Introduction to the history and development of racial hierarchy, focusing on how race and ethnicity shape political institutions (e.g., the Constitution, political parties, voting systems). Examination of political relationships between Whites, African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans. Case studies of minority representation and the politics of welfare, crime, immigration, and terrorism. Offered: jointly with POL S 317.

LSJ 332 Disability and Society: Introduction to Disability Studies (5) I&S

Introduction to the field of disability studies. Focuses on theoretical questions of how society predominantly understands disability and the social justice consequences. Examines biological, social, cultural, political, and economic determinants in social creation/construction (framing) of disability and effects on those claiming and/or labeled as disabled. Offered: jointly with CHID 332.

Instructor Course Description: [Dennis Lang](#)

LSJ 378 Policing the City (5) I&S *Herbert*

Investigates how and why formal and informal order is established in urban areas, how this order produces advantages and disadvantages, and possibilities of alternative visions of order. Topics include formal means of control (zoning, laws, policing, building codes) and informal means of control (gossip, ostracism, peer pressure, local politics). Offered: jointly with GEOG 378; A.

LSJ 433 Disability Law, Policy, and the Community (5)

Seminar addressing legal rights of disabled people, history of disability policy in the United States, and the role of community activism and other forces in policy development and systems change. Introduction to the existing social service systems that affect disabled people. Recommended: LSJ 332. Offered: jointly with CHID 433.

Teach/TA (with sections and guest lectures):

Psych 250 Racism and Minority Groups

Overview of the causes, contexts, and consequences of racism and its effects upon minority groups and society. Emphasis on cultural history, political and socioeconomic structures that contribute to racism. Examination of current issues in race relations and cultural pluralism in U. S. and selected international topics.

Psych 380 Cross-Cultural Competence

Facilitates development of multicultural competence; focuses on mental health/social service needs of ethnic and linguistic minorities, and developing personal/interpersonal skills to reduce barriers, enhance effective service provision to cross cultural groups, sexual minorities and disabled people.

PSYCH 210 Human Sexuality

Broad survey of biological, psychological, and social determinants of human sexuality and sexual behavior. Topics include cultural diversity, sexual development (physical and psychological), sexual health, reproduction (pregnancy, contraception, abortion), development of sex, gender and orientation, adult sexual bonding, sexual abuse and assault.

PSYCH 257 Psychology of Gender

Major psychological theories of gender-role development; biological and environmental influences that determine and maintain gender differences in behavior; roles in children and adults; topics include aggression, cognitive abilities, achievement motivation, affiliation.

PSYCH 357 Psychobiology of Women

Physiological and psychological aspects of women's lives; determinants of biological sex; physiological and psychological events of puberty; menopause; sexuality; contraception, pregnancy, childbirth, and lactation; role of culture in determining psychological response to physiological events.

Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination

This course examines theoretical and empirical social psychological work on stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. These issues are examined from the perspectives of both the perpetrators and targets of prejudice. During the first part of the course, we will examine a variety of theoretical explanations for why stereotypes and prejudice exist and how they operate. During the second part of the course we will shift our focus to examine how stereotypes and prejudice affect their targets. Finally, we will discuss some remedies for reducing stereotyping and prejudice.