

Community Psychology Ph.D. Program

The Psychology Faculty invites you to consider our Community Psychology Doctoral Program.

Community Psychology graduates gain theoretical foundations in psychology which provide the basis for community research and practice. Students can expect to gain community-based skills in the 18 Competencies of Community Psychology that include:

- Ecological Perspectives
- Prevention and Health Promotion
- Program Evaluation
- Sociocultural and Cross-Cultural Competence
- Empowerment
- Community Inclusion & Partnership
- Ethical, Reflective Practice
- Program Development, Implementation & Management
- Community Leadership & Mentoring
- Small & Large Group Process
- Consultation & Organizational Development
- Collaboration & Coalition Development
- Community Development
- Community Organizing & Community Advocacy
- Public Policy Analysis, Development & Advocacy
- Information Dissemination & Building Public Awareness
- Participatory Community Research

Curriculum: There is a strong emphasis on the integration of theory, research, and action, and on rigorous, individual customization of research and practicum experiences.

Foundation of Psychology Seminars (3 Hours)

PSY912 - Seminar on Cultural Diversity 3

Ethics (3 hours)

PSY911 - Teaching of Psychology: Principles, Practices & Ethics 3

Research Methods (8 Hours)

PSY902 - Advanced Research Methods I 4

PSY903 - Advanced Research Methods II 4

Research (22 Hours Minimum)

PSY901/909 – Pre-Doctoral Research 10

PSY908 - Dissertation 12

Community Psychology Doctoral Program Course Requirements

PSY940 - Seminar in Community Clinical Psychology 3

PSY941 - Applied Research in Community Settings 3

PSY942 - Seminar in Community/Organizational Intervention 3

PSY943 - Seminar in Prevention 3

PSY948 - Seminar in Professional Consultation & Leadership 3

PSY949 - Seminar in Advocacy & Social Policy	3
PSY951 - Program Evaluation Theory & Design	3
PSY952 - Action Research Approaches in Community Psychology	3
PSY944 - Practicum in Community Psychology	9

Community Practicum: Practicum experiences, most of them funded, are available in community organizations such as community health centers, prevention programs, faith-based and secular community service organizations, and organizations which provide services to children and elderly adults.

Electives To Total 90 Hours

Elective courses can be taken inside and outside of the Psychology Department. Outside of the department there are opportunities to take courses in many of the University’s graduate programs including Sociology, Public Administration, Social Work, and Public Health. Two electives must be related to research methods and/or statistics.

Qualifying Examinations: Students must demonstrate professional competence in major areas of specialty by earning satisfactory grades on a written comprehensive examination as described in the Department’s Policies for Qualifying Examinations. Students are eligible for Doctoral Candidacy upon successful completion of their Qualifying Examinations.

Doctoral Dissertation

Doctoral candidates will be required to complete an original research project that will be reviewed by oral examination as described in the Dissertation Oral Examination Policy.

Resources: Faculty maintain working relationships with a number of local governmental and community agencies including regional hospitals, local and state departments of physical and mental health, and many nonprofit social service organizations which facilitate student involvement in community research and practice. These agencies serve the half-million people who live in the Wichita area. Faculty have national and international research partnerships, as well, that offer opportunities for student work both during and after graduate school.

Admission Information: Most successful applicants have an undergraduate degree in psychology or the social sciences with course work in statistics, research methods. Admission to the program requires a minimum GPA of 3.00; three letters of reference, and a personal statement. GRE scores are optional. Application materials must be submitted by January 15.

Financial Assistance: Graduate students receive a research or teaching assistantship, which includes a stipend and at least 75% tuition remission.

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