Applied Psychology Specializations

The specialization allows students to develop expertise in a psychology-related area. The specialization will reflect both their career and dissertation interests. It is expected that knowledge in the specialization will be developed through coursework, readings, and independent study. Specializations require 3 courses, at least one of which is a Psychology Department course and one must be an advanced methodological/statistical course that is relevant to the research area for the specialization. Examples include Psyc 529 (Advanced Multivariate Statistics), Psyc 575 (Computational Modeling), a course on qualitative methods, and advanced statistics/methods course from EPSY, or a course on meta-analysis.

Examples of Specialization topics and Course Sequences (Note: these examples reflect an older specialization requirement, therefore the nature of courses may not conform with the above description):

1. Sex Discrimination in the Workplace
   - Psyc 565 Organizational Psychology
   - Psyc 550 Psychological Construction of Gender
   - Law 620 Employment Discrimination Law

2. Diversity in Leadership
   - Wed 581 Workforce Diversity
   - Psyc 553 Cross Cultural Psychology
   - BA 540 Managerial and Organizational Behavior

3. Stereotypes and Gender Bias in the Work Place
   - PSYC 550: Psychology of Gender
   - BA 540: Managerial and Organizational Behavior
   - PSYC 515: Cognitive Psychology

4. Interpersonal Violence
   - SPCM 463: Interpersonal Conflict
   - PSYC 590: Readings in Psychology – Violent Behavior
   - PSYC 550: Psychological Constructions of Gender

5. Volunteering, Religion and Community Service and Development
   - Community Psychology (Psyc 568)
   - Advanced Seminar in Religion and Spirituality (Psyc 585)
   - Women and Religion (WMST 492)

6. Materialism and Consumer Values
   - Introduction to Marketing Concepts (Psyc 450)
   - Judgment and Decision Making (Psyc 471)
   - Predicting the Future (Psyc 489)

7. Organizational Decision Making
   - Special topics in Organizational Behavior (BA 545)
   - Judgment and Decision Making (Psyc 471)
   - Predicting the Future (Psyc 489)
   - Applied Learning (Psyc 411)
   - Dynamics of Organizational Communication (SPCM 480)
8. Health Promotion and Diversity
   - Health Behavior and Health Education (HED 500)
   - Community Organizing for Health Education (HED 550)
   - Sociology of Gender (SOC 544)
   - Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSYC 553)

9. Consumer Psychology
   - Introduction to Marketing Concepts (Psyc 450)
   - Independent Research (BA 591)
   - Research in Organizational Psychology (Psyc 565)