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 4 courses, one of which must be an advanced methodological/statistical course that is relevant to the research area for the specialization. Examples include a course on qualitative methods, or an advanced statistics/methods, or a course on meta-analysis.

The following are common specializations and supporting courses for the program of study/specialization requirements. Students may develop specializations that fit their interests as long as there are faculty members and courses that can serve as relevant resources:

1. **Organizational Psychology: Organizations & Leadership**
   - BA 546: Leadership & Managerial Behavior;
   - BA 545: Advances in Organizational Behavior/Theory;
   - SOC 539: Seminar in Complex Organizations;
   - EPSE 580 course

2. **Industrial/Organizational Psychology: Gender and Diversity in Organizations**
   - BA 545: Advances in Organizational Behavior/Theory;
   - PSYC550: Psychology of Gender;
   - PSYC 553: Cross-cultural Psychology; or LAW 620: Employment Discrimination;
   - EPSE 580 course

3. **Health Psychology**
   - PSYC 507: Graduate Social Psychology;
   - HED 401: Epidemiological Approaches to Disease Prevention and Control;
   - HED 525: Health Behavior and Health Education;
   - or HED 526: Evaluative Processes in Health Education;
   - SOC 460-3: Sociology of Medicine;
   - EPSE 580 course

4. **Cross-cultural Psychology**
   - PSYC 553: Cross Cultural Psychology;
   - SOC 552: Seminar in Race and Ethnic Relations;
   - SPCM 543: Identity, Culture, and Communication;
   - EPSE 580 course
5. Legal and Forensic Psychology
   - PSYC 505: Psychology and Law;
   - PSYC 470: Psychology of Race and Racism;
   - CCJ 500: Foundations of Criminal Justice;
   - CCJ 505: Nature of Crime;
   - CCJ 462: Victims of Crime;
   - POLS 435: Judicial Process and Behavior;
   - SOC 461: Women, Crime and Justice

6. Applied Social Psychology
   - PSYC 507: Graduate Social Psychology;
   - PSYC 420-3: Industrial/Organizational Psychology;
   - PSYC 574-3: The Psychology of Groups and Teams;
   - POLS 576-3: Religion and Politics; or SOC 476-3: Religion and Politics;
   - SOC 534-3: Seminar in Globalization and Social Change;
   - SOC 550-3: Seminar in Social Problems;
   - SOC 555-3: Social Movements and Collective Action

7. Other Applied Area (subject to approval of the program director)
   **Examples:** (1) Behavioral Analysis (PSYC 520: Application of the Psychology of Learning and Memory, PSYC 511: Learning and Memory, EPSE 580 course); (2) Psychometrics; (3) Program Evaluation; (4) Data Analytics and (5) Social Networking/Social Media, etc.