

Portland State University
Community Psychology
Undergraduate Certificate Program

Program Goals

- To develop knowledge and skills in the theory and practice of community psychology.
- To increase understanding of the place of community psychology in the history and scope of the discipline.
- To facilitate work and employment opportunities in community settings.
- To realize social justice through sustained research and action partnerships with community members and organizations.
- To prepare interested students for graduate study in community psychology.

Program Requirements

The Community Psychology Undergraduate Certificate Program requires a total of 5 courses equaling 18 credit hours. Course requirements are as follows:

1. Community Psychology Courses (required of all students in the certificate program)
 - A. PSY 480 - Community Psychology (fall quarter)
 - B. UNST 421 and 422 - Community Psychology Capstone (winter and spring quarters)

2. Related Coursework (select two courses from the following)
 - A. Individual Psychology
 - i. PSY 432 - Personality
 - ii. PSY 434 - Introduction to Psychopathology
 - B. Social and Group Dynamics
 - i. PSY 343 - Social Psychology: Social Relationships and Groups
 - ii. PSY 426- Psychology of Stigma & Social Inequality
 - iii. PSY 440 - Group Process
 - C. Developmental Processes
 - i. PSY 311 - Human Development
 - ii. PSY 458- Development & Education of African-Diaspora Children & Youth
 - D. Human Diversity
 - i. PSY 310 - Psychology of Women
 - ii. PSY 425- Psychology of Black Manhood in America
 - iii. PSY 428- Diversity, Prejudice, and Intergroup relations
 - iv. PSY 429- The Psychology of Race & Gender in Sport
 - v. PSY 431 - Psychology of Men & Masculinities

3. Additional Fieldwork (may be used in place of one class in section 2)
 - A. 4 credits of PSY 401 or PSY 409 supervised by program faculty
 - a. Please note, this opportunity depends on faculty availability and is not guaranteed at any time

Certificate Program Timeline

Since a minimum of one year of full time study is needed to complete the community psychology program courses, and because the three required community psychology classes (PSY 480, UNST 421, UNST 422) are only offered one time per year and have limited enrollments, interested students are encouraged to begin making plans for participating in the program by the end of their sophomore year. Further, we strongly encourage interested students to complete PSY 480 before taking UNST 421 and UNST 422. They work best as a series of classes that students complete sequentially.

Once all program courses are completed (or in progress if students are completing the certificate requirements in their final term prior to graduation), students email either Dr. Townley (gtownley@pdx.edu) or Dr. Mankowski (mankowskie@pdx.edu) to request the certificate, including a copy of their DARS report with required classes highlighted.

Please note, absolutely no exceptions can be made to the requirements outlined in this document.

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