COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY (CMPSY)

CMPSY 500: Theories and Issues in Community Psychology
3 Credits
Contemporary issues in community psychology will be discussed within the framework of its development from clinical and social psychology.

CMPSY 510: Change Processes
3 Credits
Social change as it takes place within institutions and communities.

CMPSY 511: Social Impacts on Psychological Functioning
3 Credits
Psychological functioning, as it is affected by social contexts.

Prerequisite: CMPSY 500, permission of program

CMPSY 519: Research Methods I
3 Credits
In-depth examination of research methods utilized by community psychologists and social change activists; course followed by CMPSY 520. CMPSY 519 Research Methods I (3)This course, along with CMPSY 520, will examine the key research methods available to community psychologists and social change activists. The course will emphasize a hands-on experience for students so that they can understand all the components of conducting program assessments. All students will develop pilot projects under the guidance of the instructor that will give the students experience in developing action research/program evaluation questions, completing research literature reviews, developing specific methodologies appropriate to their action research/program evaluation questions, database design, data analysis, and report writing. There will be a balance between action research, program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative approaches. A final report and presentation of the findings of the pilot project are required. This course is the research methods course required of all community psychology and social change graduate students. This course assumes a basic understanding of introductory statistics and the use of statistical software will be undertaken in the course. The course is the introductory research methods course and will be offered in a sequence with CMPSY 520-Research Methods II. Both CMPSY 519 and CMPSY 520 must be taken in order to complete the Community Psychology and Social Change research methods requirement for graduation. This course is for 3 credits.

Faculty: Richard Fiene and Robert Colman

Prerequisite: a C or better in an introductory statistics course within the past two years or a passing grade on the Community Psychology competency examination in introductory statistics; status as graduate student in CMPSY program

CMPSY 520: Research Methods II
3 Credits
In-depth examination of research methods utilized by community psychologists and social change activists. (Continuation of CMPSY 519). CMPSY 520 Techniques in Action Research (3)This course is the second of two research methods courses required of all Community Psychology and Social Change graduate students, emphasizing action research, program evaluation, and both qualitative and quantitative measurement. Faculty: Richard Fiene and Robert Colman

Prerequisite: CMPSY 519

CMPSY 521: Roles and Methods in Community Psychology
3 Credits
Advanced course entailing the development of Master’s Projects with both fieldwork and research; each student writes a formal proposal.

Prerequisite: permission of program, for degree candidates only.

CMPSY 522: Practicum
3-6 Credits/Maximum of 6
Fieldwork implementing planned change.

Prerequisite: CMPSY 550, CMPSY 510, CMPSY 511, CMPSY 520, CMPSY 521, for degree candidates only.

CMPSY 594: Research
3-6 Credits/Maximum of 6
Supervised research on a master’s paper.

Prerequisite: for degree candidates only

CMPSY 596: Individual Studies
1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9
Creative projects, including nonthesis research, that are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.