DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
THE FIELD OF APPLIED SOCIAL
PSYCHOLOGY

The applied social psychology program is research-based, with a strong emphasis on supervised and independent research. The program explores traditional topics in social psychology, such as attitudes, social cognition, social influence, and decision making, with an applied focus that emphasizes health promotion and disease prevention. Students and faculty conduct research related to, for example, HIV/AIDS, obesity, sexual risk, substance use, sun exposure, and doctor-patient relationship.

Visit the program website (https://psychology.columbian.gwu.edu/applied-social) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

The requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Program (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#doctoraltext).

72 credits, including 33 credits in core requirements, 21 to 27 credits in elective courses, and 12 to 18 credits in dissertation, and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

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6 credits in psychology (PSYC) courses out of the applied social program.

Electives

21 to 27 credits in elective courses. Recommended electives are listed below; other courses may be selected in consultation with the advisor.

- PSYC 8218 Evidence-Based Interventions
- PSYC 8231 Development of Psychometric Instruments
- PSYC 8245 Seminar: Organizational Behavior
- PSYC 8257 Current Topics in Social Psychology
- PSYC 8258 Qualitative Research and Analysis
- PSYC 8259 Psychology of Individual and Group Decision Making
- PSYC 8279 Special Topics in Health Psychology
- PSYC 8295 Independent Research

Dissertation

12 to 18 credits in dissertation.

- PSYC 8998 Advanced Reading and Research
- PSYC 8999 Dissertation Research

Comprehensive examination

Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination.