HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (HDPS)

HDPS 201-0 Introduction to Psychological Services (1 Unit) Overview of professional degrees, sites and various populations in psychological services. Introduction to the most common mental disorders and counseling fundamentals used in mental health careers will also be covered. To achieve this breadth, the course is divided into three modules: history and careers in psychological services, approaches and practice in counseling, and common mental disorders.

HDPS 222-0 Career Development: Theory and Counseling (1 Unit) The career-development process and its relation to the world of work. Discussion of career-development theories. Focus on self-assessment; decision-making and job-seeking skills; and educational, occupational, and community information.

HDPS 301-0 The Counseling Process: Theory & Practice (1 Unit) Survey of counseling perspectives and techniques, along with the theories that form the basis of understanding these concepts. Overview of clinical assessment, client systems, counseling theories, and counseling techniques. Review how dynamics and complexity associated with counseling diverse populations and understanding the roles that diversity and personal values play in the counseling process.

HDPS 305-0 Identity and Motivation (1 Unit) Examines the connection between conceptions of the self and goal-oriented motivation, with particular attention to the influence of social, structural, and cultural forces.

HDPS 306-0 Developmental Psychopathology (1 Unit) Study of models of risk and resilience, developmental pathways, and the transactional model of development.

HDPS 307-0 Emotional Mysteries (1 Unit) Classrooms, work settings, and family relations are hotbeds of emotion. But what is an emotion? What happens in our bodies when an emotion is triggered? How can emotions help us live productive, healthy, and connected lives? And can we ever truly understand what somebody else is feeling? These are some of the mysteries that we will seek to unravel in this course. We will read literature from Darwin to the latest scientific studies, combine lectures and small-group discussions, conduct research experiments, and engage in peer review and online collaboration.

HDPS 309-0 Team Dynamics (1 Unit) In this course, we will explore team dynamics, those forces that influence a team’s behavior and performance, and what can enhance or hinder potential for impact. We will analyze the contributors to team functioning and their interrelationships at multiple levels: intrapersonal, interpersonal, group and organizational. Key topics include team development, team make- up and roles, leadership and followership, decision-making, navigating conflict, collaboration and competition, effective communication, content vs. process, diversity and in-group/out-group tensions. Throughout the class, students will be analyzing and applying concepts through case studies and simulations. Assignments to demonstrate mastery include regular written individual papers and a team project. This course is suitable for undergraduate students in LOC, Human Development and Psychological Services, and related majors throughout Northwestern that are interested in leadership, teams/groups or organizational change.

HDPS 310-0 The Art and Science of Aging (1 Unit) For over 2000 years, poets and philosophers have commented on the universal human experience of “getting older.” In the past few hundred years, novelists and scientists have joined the effort, along with filmmakers, musicians, counselors, bloggers, motivational speakers, and a host of others. What does it feel like to move through the adult years and toward “old age”? How do people’s personalities, social relationships, and overall world view change as they grow older? What does psychological and social science have to say about general trends, as well as individual differences, in aging? This discussion-based and writing-intensive seminar is sequentially organized in terms of five cardinal themes: (1) the social/emotional world, (2) generations, (3) memory and the self, (4) loss, and (5) wisdom of the ages. Within these five themes, the seminar will consider a range of psychological and social issues as they apply to adult development and aging, sampling some of the most provocative sources from fiction, drama, poetry, music, and cinema - and from the scientific literature.

HDPS 340-0 Building Loving and Lasting Relationships: Marriage 101 (1 Unit) The intricacies and problems of close, committed, interpersonal relationships, especially marriage. Open to first-year students.

HDPS 351-0 Special Topics in HDPS (1 Unit) Advanced work on special topics.

HDPS 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit) SEE DEPT FOR SECTION AND PERMISSION NUMBERS.