OVERVIEW

Drawing on the subfields of social, community, cultural, and self psychology, the Social Psychology Specialization examines the individual in the context of the broader community and culture. Specific attention is paid to issues of race, class, gender, and other important social categories. Research, individual study, and internship opportunities will involve applications of theory to real-world settings.

The Social Psychology Specialization will provide a solid background for students interested in pursuing graduate work and/or careers in social psychology, social work, community psychology, cultural psychology, multicultural counseling, social or public policy, social services, and/or working with diverse populations in various settings.

For more information about this specialization, contact the Social Psychology Coordinator (Dr. Jarret Crawford, crawford@tcnj.edu or any of the faculty listed below).

COURSEWORK FOR THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

Core Courses:  
- PSY 101 - General Psychology
- PSY 121 - Methods & Tools
- PSY 203 - Design & Statistical Analysis
- PSY 299 - Research Seminar (in area of Social Psychology is recommended)

Foundation Course:  
- PSY 218 - Psychology of Power, Oppression, and Privilege
- Plus any two additional foundation courses

Specialized Courses:  
Students select three 300-level courses in Psychology. Of the 3, two must be selected from the following options: Psy348: Psychology of Emotion, Psy350: Psychology of Women, Psy351: Gender Gap in Sciences Careers, Psy354: Self and Identity, and Psy375: Social Psychology Seminar *

Psychology Option:  
Students select 1 course; recommended at 300 or 400 level.

Senior Experience:  
Students must select 1 senior experience from a list of approved courses including Individual Study; Internship, Lab Learning; Senior Topics Seminar, and Research Round Table.*

Additional Requirements to complete the Social Psychology Specialization: The Social Psychology Specialization requires students to complete one additional course selected from a list of approved courses.*

*Students should refer to the webpage for listing of approved courses
FACULTY AFFILIATED with the SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

Dr. Jarret Crawford (Office: SB 111; Phone: 609.771.2117; Email: crawford@tcnj.edu)
Courses: Design and Statistical Analysis; Research Seminar; Social Seminars on political psychology and issues in social psychology; Senior Topics Study Group.
Research Interests: Understanding the ideological motives underlying belief systems; examining how distinct ideological belief systems influence people’s political perception and judgment.
Lab: Attitudes and Social Cognition Lab (http://www.tcnj.edu/~poliperc/)

Dr. Chu Kim-Prieto (Office: SB 118; Phone: 609.771.2695; Email: kim@tcnj.edu)
Courses: Psychology of Emotion; Methods and Tools; Research Seminar; General Psychology; Cross-Cultural Psychology.
Research Interests: Cultural variations in experience of emotion; psychology of happiness and cultural differences in happiness; religion as a source of cultural variation in emotion
Lab: Emotion Lab (http://www.tcnj.edu/~emotion/)

Dr. Shaun Wiley (Office: SB 107; Phone: 609.771.2645; Email: swiley@tcnj.edu)
Courses: General Psychology; Methods and Tools; Research Seminar; Social Seminar on Psychology and Diversity
Research Interests: How group members respond to disadvantage; Immigration and cultural diversity; group identity and intergroup relations
Lab: Social Change and Collective Identity Lab (http://www.tcnj.edu/~sccilab/)

RECENT STUDENT-FACULTY COLLABORATIONS and INTERNSHIPS

- Victimization of and Violence Against Women: An In-Depth Study of Sexual Abuse
- The Differential Effects of Ideological Attitudes on Political Intolerance
- Endangered Planet: The Effects of Identity and Threat on Pro-Environmental Collective Action
- Cultural stereotypes & academic achievement: The role of anxiety in performance
- Work family balance & women of color
- Experience sampling investigation: Emotions across cultures
- Vulnerabilities in adolescent girls
- The effects of dismemberment in advertising on women’s body consciousness, state anxiety, and state self-objectification
- Internship: The Eden Institute
- Internship: Domestic Violence Shelter, Mercer County Prosecutors Office, Catholic Charities
- Internship: Center for Academic Success
- Internship: Kidsbridge
- Internship: Office of the Child Advocate
- Internship: Womanspace
- Internship: Angel's Wings
- Internship: Catholic Charities

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