Violence Studies (Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration)

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The Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice; Department of Psychology; Department of Political Science; Gender and Women’s Studies Program; Jane Addams College of Social Work; and the School of Public Health offer course work leading to an Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies. Students in the following graduate programs may be eligible to complete the Interdisciplinary Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies:

Graduate Program | Level
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Art History | MA, PhD
Criminology, Law, and Justice | MA, PhD
Educational Psychology | PhD
Hispanic Studies | MA, PhD
Policy Studies in Urban Education | PhD
Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies | MA, PhD
Political Science | MA, PhD
Psychology | MA, PhD
Social Work | MSW, PhD
Sociology | MA, PhD
Special Education | MEd, PhD
Youth Development | MEd

Concentration Requirements

Students earning graduate degrees in the programs listed above may complement their courses by enrolling in a concentration in Violence Studies after consulting with their graduate advisor. All students intending to complete the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies are required to officially declare this intention at least two semesters prior to the semester in which the student is to graduate. Students are to declare their intent to enroll in this concentration in writing to the administrative unit (the Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice or the College of Social Work). Each student selecting the concentration must have an advisor who is affiliated with the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies administration or from one of the sponsoring units. This advisor will work with the student to establish a concentration plan of study and will oversee the completion of concentration requirements. All described courses are offered on a regular basis but may not be offered every semester.