

Restorative Justice Practices Microcredential (Psychology, WGS, HGS)
Five Courses (18 Credits)
Faculty Steward (Psych Dept Chair; HGS and WGS Dept Chairs)

Take all of the following:

II PSYC 172 Introduction to Restorative Practice (4 credits)

IWGS 300 Critical Ethnic Studies (4 credits)

WGS 497 WGS Internship (2 credits) - This course can be used as a 2 credit Capstone.

Electives-8 credits. Choose two from the following:

HGS 370 The United States & Genocide

HGS 270 Trauma

ENST 353 Restoration Ecology

PSYC 321 Culture & Psychology

ISSOC 357- Global Ethnic Relation

ISSOC 386 Race, State & Justice

PSYC 425 Psychology of Women

SOC 234 Introduction to Social Work

SOC 328 Social Policy

Objectives/Rationale: This microcredential is designed for students interested in pursuing the intellectual and practical skills necessary for social justice work using Restorative Justice practices. Restorative Justice as an academic, research and practice area holds its theoretical bases in Indigenous communities' practices to restore community connections and develop reparations when harm is done. A primary premise of Restorative Justice work is to engage in a process where harm-doers and people who experienced harm come together to create reparations and healing rather than retaliation. Many countries (such as South Africa and Rwanda), communities (such as Brattleboro, Vermont), schools (such as in Oakland, CA), colleges and universities (such as David Karp, Ph.D. at the University of San Diego), and organizations have included these practices and theoretical points of view in their work. Restorative practices fall along a continuum of involvement ranging from circle dialogues to changing legal venues. The aims of these practices range from community building to creating reparations for harm done.

Outcomes: By completing this microcredential, students will be able to: 1. Describe the theoretical bases for Restorative Justice work in their workplaces and communities. 2. Apply the practical skills necessary to this work. 3. Explain the nature of the systems of oppression that do harm to people, communities and the wider social environment.