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The Graduate School

GRD 500: Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship
This course is designed to introduce students to the major issues in the ethics of research and scholarship. Using a combination of readings - written and web-based - videos, lectures, case discussion and other exercises, students will investigate the moral values intrinsic to research/scholarship/creative activity in their discipline and the professional and social values with which members of the discipline must comply. Each class will begin with an introductory lecture or video followed by discipline-based, small group discussions with the participation of faculty from the department or program from which the graduate students come.
0-3 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

GRD 510: Career Exploration with PhD Career Ladder Program
GRD 510 engages Master's and doctoral students in the PhD Career Ladder Program, a peer-led framework for career exploration and preparation. Graduate students follow seven career development steps which correspond to the essential components of an Individual Development Plan (IDP). The steps include: self-assessment, career research, informational interviewing, skill identification and building, CV/resume crafting, networking, and goal setting. Each section is led by a graduate student peer leader. Students will cultivate their career preparedness and gain a framework that they can apply to any career goal, academic and non-academic, now and in the future. By the end of the course, students will have gained increased confidence in and preparation for seeking a career of interest and will have a set of actionable goals for next steps.
0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

GRD 600: Rigor and Reproducibility in Research
A key backbone of the scientific method is the reproducibility of experimental observations. This means that results obtained by a specific study should be observed again if the experiment is repeated by the same or other researchers. Rigor in research is essential to ensure the reproducibility of results, as it results in the application of research methods that are robust and exclude bias. This course provides an overview of the general problems associated with ensuring research rigor and the reproducibility of results. Brief focused lectures are followed by in person, field-specific small group discussions and activities to facilitate discussions between faculty and students. Three sessions address issues of research rigor that are relevant across disciplines. Two additional sessions highlight issues specific to research in the biomedical sciences.
0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

GRD 697: Fundamentals of College Teaching
This 10-week online course is an introduction to fundamental college teaching strategies applicable to many disciplines and careers. The first six weeks are asynchronous and self-paced, with two required modules and then a choice of two additional modules with content related to key topics in college teaching such as inclusive pedagogy, effective assessment, classroom management, and teaching online. The remaining 4 weeks are discussion-based with the option of two synchronous Zoom discussions or asynchronous VoiceThread discussions matched to asynchronous module topics, with the opportunity to share advice and teaching experiences with other graduate students as well as pose solutions to common scenarios you may encounter in college teaching. Assignments are short written reflections, multiple choice quizzes, and either Zoom or VoiceThread discussion participation.
S/U grading

GRD 700: Masters Completion
Intended for international masters students that will complete all degree requirements and graduate during a summer or winter semester. This course is intended to help satisfy immigration requirements. All international students are advised to speak with one of the International Advisors prior to enrollment to ensure compliance with all immigration requirements.
1 credit, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.