

University Senate

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**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM LEADING TO
A CERTIFICATE IN PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES (GSAS)**

WHEREAS, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences recommends that the University establish a program leading to a Certificate in Psychoanalytic Studies, which is designed exclusively for graduate students, and

WHEREAS, New York has long been the capital of psychoanalysis and the discipline has been an integral part of the city's cultural life, influencing writers, social and political commentators, directors and artists of all kinds, and

WHEREAS, aspects of psychoanalytic theory are incorporated into subject matter taught in departments such as English, German, French, anthropology, philosophy, sociology, psychology and religion, yet there is currently no non-clinical program in which it is approached coherently and systematically as one of the central theoretical currents of our time, and

WHEREAS, students cannot truly understand psychoanalytic theory so long as the clinical domain is neglected, and this program will institute an ongoing exchange between GSAS and clinicians and researchers at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will not replace or duplicate any existing program at Columbia, and

WHEREAS, the only comparable program is at Emory University in Atlanta, and

WHEREAS, many students have expressed interest in such a program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate establish the program leading to a Certificate in Psychoanalytic Studies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Education Committee shall review the program in five years.

Proponent: Education Committee

Beginning in the fall of 2011, the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (the Center) will offer a certificate-granting graduate program in Psychoanalytic Studies in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The Psychoanalytic Studies Program (PSP) will be a non-clinical course that, in addition to issues of research, deals with the theory, application, and history of psychoanalytic thought and practice across a broad range of disciplines. The certificate is designed to meet the needs of a growing number of ambitious and gifted students in the humanities and social sciences who want to gain a strong background in psychoanalytic concepts of mind, culture and science to enrich their graduate training and inform their dissertation research

This is not a terminal master's program and is only open to students pursuing a doctorate in departments in the humanities and social sciences. It will give students an additional and valuable set of methodological and disciplinary tools should they decide to pursue an academic or other professional career where cross-disciplinary training, research and teaching ability are increasingly valued.

Although there is considerable interest in psychoanalysis at Columbia and other universities, it is pursued largely in departments of English, French, German, anthropology, history, and religion – that is, in isolation from clinical experience and empirical research. This humanistic and social-scientific pursuit of psychoanalysis continues the field's venerable tradition of contributing to the broader culture. It is, however, necessarily limited to the extent that it ignores the clinical domain, which provides the “empirical” basis for many psychoanalytic ideas. A central aim of the PSP is to remedy this situation by creating a lively interchange between the analysts at the Columbia University Psychoanalytic Center and their colleagues in the humanities and social science.

Table 1: Program Schedule

- Indicate **academic calendar** type: X Semester ___Quarter ___Trimester ___Other (describe)
- Label each term in sequence, consistent with the institution's academic calendar (e.g., Fall 1, Spring 1, Fall 2)
- Copy/expand the table as needed to show additional terms

Term: Fall 1				Term: Spring 1			
Course Number & Title	Credits	New	Prerequisite(s)	Course Number & Title	Credits	New	Prerequisite(s)
CLPS G4200 The Core Concepts of Freud's Thinking	3			GXXXX The Core Concepts of Post-Freudian Thought	3	yes	
ANTH G4701 The Culture of Oedipus	3			CLGR 4110 Freud and Foucault	3		
Term credit total	6			Term credit total:	6		
Term: Fall 2				Term: Spring 2			
Course Number & Title	Credits	New	Prerequisite(s)	Course Number & Title	Credits	New	Prerequisite(s)
GXXXX: PSYCHOANALYSIS AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE	3	X		Psychology G4227x. Philosophical and Empirical Issues in Consciousness	3		
CLME W4110 Literature and psychoanalysis	3			CPLS G4240 The Secular Imagination	3		
Term credit total:	6			Term credit total:	6		