

Ph.D. Studies in Psychoanalysis and its interfaces: The Psychotherapy Program and the School of Graduate Studies, Sackler Faculty of Medicine

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General Overview

The doctoral program offered by the psychoanalytic psychotherapy program in conjunction with the school of graduate Studies at the Sackler School of Medicine was established in the profound belief that **psychoanalysis is a field of knowledge which appropriately lends itself to engagement in theoretical academic research. Psychoanalysis works and interacts with many other fields of knowledge thus potentially opening up the opportunity for a mutually beneficial relationship.** The program is aimed at facilitating the writing of theoretical doctoral theses devoted to research in psychoanalysis and those fields with which it interacts. The objective of the program is twofold: to create a space for in depth and comprehensive theoretical and conceptual academic research into the body of psychoanalytic and psychodynamic knowledge and thought. This, whilst placing an emphasis on the mutual interactions that exist between this field and other bodies of knowledge in fields such as spirituality, society, life, technology and the arts. **The program is designed to create innovation in psychoanalysis expressed in novel research that has both theoretical and practical implications.**

Rationale

There is a growing need among those involved in psychoanalytic / psychodynamic therapy for an appropriate academic framework which can deepen and broaden the fields of knowledge relating to these subjects and will advance theoretical works of research in the fields of psychoanalysis and the potential fields with which it interacts. The proposed program offers a response to this need.

The Target population

The program is designed for psychiatrists (MD); psychologists (MA); and social workers (MA). It is open to applicants once every two years and is entirely academic and does not provide either students or graduates with any practical training in the practice of psychoanalysis. The research focus is on theoretical as opposed to empirical or qualitative research.

Preference will be given to those who have completed the courses for a certificate in the Psychotherapy Program at Tel Aviv University or a similar program in terms of contents and scope and which is recognized by the Israel Association of psychotherapy

Program requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, the Psychotherapy Program and subject to personal interviews. Applicants must present:

1. Academic CV
2. An initial abstract of 2- 3 pages outlining the concept to be incorporated in the applicant's doctoral thesis and which presents the subject of research that the applicant is seeking to investigate as well as the methodology he or she intend to use in researching their chosen subject. (The abstract presented is expected to be a preliminary, non- binding, formulation. Its purpose is to show the proposed work's general direction and the ways in which it is being initially considered).
3. Two letters of recommendation preferably from sources that are familiar with the applicant's ability to think formulate as well as with their academic skills. Recommendations should be sent directly to the program's secretariat.
4. Abstract of MA Thesis.
5. Transcript of MA grades

Structure of the Academic team

The advisory team for each student includes a chief advisor, who must be a faculty member at Tel Aviv University with the rank of Senior Lecturer and above, and a psychoanalytic advisor drawn from the teachers and supervisors of the Psychotherapy Program at Tel Aviv University.

In addition, during the first two years of courses there will be a fortnightly doctoral seminar supervised by Dr. Rina Lazar and Dr. Boaz Shalgi. Also, five times a year there will be colloquium meetings for all students in the program coordinated by Dr Chana Ulman

As of now the team of advisors is as follows:

Prof. Alan After (Department of Psychiatry at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine); Prof. Shlomo Biderman (Faculty of Humanities); Prof. Michael Gluzman (Department of Literature); Prof. Yolanda Gampel (The School of Psychological Sciences); Prof. Uri Hadar (The School of Psychological Sciences); Prof. Shirley Zisser (Department of English Literature and American Studies); Prof. Zvi Tauber (Department of Philosophy) Dr. Uri S. Cohen (School of Education); Professor Hagi Kenaan (Department of Philosophy); Prof. Yechezkel Levkovitch.(Faculty of Medicine); Dr. Shlomo Mendlovic (Department of Psychiatry); Prof. Ron Margolin (Department of Jewish Philosophy); Prof Hanna Naveh (Department of Literature); Prof. Vered Noam (School of Basis Studies in Judaism); Prof. Zehava Solomon (School of Social Work); Dr. Yaron Senderowitch (Department of Philosophy); Prof. Moshe Zuckerman (The Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas); Prof. Naama Friedman (School of Education);

Dr. Noa Naaman- Zauderer (Department of Philosophy); Prof. Iris Rachamimov (Department of General History); Prof. Izhak Schnell (Department of Geography)

In addition, as said it is open to students to choose a faculty member from Tel Aviv University authorized advice a doctoral program subject to confirmation and agreement of the head of the program. m

The team of psychoanalytic Advisors now working in the program: Dr Chana Ulman, Dr. Roni Baht, Dr. Shlomo Beinart, Dr. Anat Palgi-Hecker, Dr. Yossi Triest, Dr. Shlomit Yadlin-Gadot. Dr Rina Lazar, Dr. Shlomo Mendlovic, Raanan Kulka, David Kitron, Dr. Merav Roth, Dr Boaz Shalgi

During the first year, each student is asked to formulate a research proposal to be submitted to an accompanying committee for judgment; The accompanying committee includes the chair of the committee, from Tel Aviv University, and an additional committee member from another university. The committee members meet the student several times throughout the studies and accompany the writing process.

At the end of four years of study it is expected that a completed doctoral work is submitted for approval assuming that the compulsory courses have been completed.

Courses included in the program

In line with the requirements of the Academic Secretariat the, The School of Graduate Studies and the Psychotherapy Program, Students are required during their degree work to take the following courses.

6.5 semester hours mandatory courses.

6 Semester hours courses of choice offered by the School of Graduate Studies (which students are required to take)

10 semester hours from among other courses offered by the university.

In sum 22,5 semester hours

Details of the courses

Mandatory Courses

Development of psychoanalytic thought –. Yossi Triest 4 semester hours

Scientific writing - Dr Shlomit Yadlin- Gadot - 2 semester hours

Ethics - 0.5 semester hours

Total 6.5 SH

A student who does not gain a grade of 80 and up in the statistics course or research methods from a BA or MA will have to study in addition in a bio -statistical course involving 4 semester hours

Courses of choice in the framework of the School of Graduate Studies which students are required to study

Methods of semiotic interpretation of a theoretical scientific text 2 SH Dr Shlomit Yadlin- Gadot.

The concept of Subject (the "I") in modern philosophy (Descartes and Hegel) - 2 SH - Prof. Zvi Tauber

The psychoanalytic Theory: foci, spaces, axes - 2 SH - Dr. Shlomo Mendlovic

Total 6 SH

Courses of choice from the overall courses offered by the university in coordination with the supervisor 10 SH

Total 22.5 SH