

 [Question regarding Cultural Psychology training](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Dear all,

On many occasions, students in my undergraduate Cross-Cultural Psychology course ask me where they can go for post-undergraduate training in "cultural psychology". I'm curious what programs are out there that you might suggest, with particular emphasis on clinical work. Any wisdom or direction would be more than welcome.

Thank you!

Best,
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 [Comment by Wael Mohamd](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Dear David

There is a training program at psychology dept in AUC (american university in cairo)....there is a dorm there with a tight security and nice neighboring ...moreover students will be exposed to Arabic islamic culture

Let me know if you are interested so that I can put you in touch with dr Mona, a colleague there to see the feasibility of this option

good luck for your students

Peace from Egypt

wael

 [Comment by Joseph E. Trimble](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Good day all. You raise a good question, David. Recently someone asked me the same question and I had to really give it serious thought. To the best of my knowledge there is no specific graduate program in the U.S. that solely emphasizes cultural and cross-cultural psychology apart from us here at Western Washington University; I would be delighted to be corrected if I'm off-base on this assumption.

There is a concentration at the University of British Columbia but I don't know much about it. However, there are numerous graduate programs in North America that emphasize multicultural counseling and therapy; again we certainly do here but ours is at the master's level as is our general-experimental concentration. As many of you know the Center for Cross-Cultural Research has been housed in our psychology department since the late 1960s (see: <http://www.wwu.edu/culture/>). Indeed there are many psychologists in programs in North America who specialize in the cultural and multicultural areas and do sponsor graduate students interested in the field.

At the present time I advise one student a year and currently have three graduate students who specialize in the cross-cultural domain; there are a few others in our program who are being advised by other faculty who also have cultural interests. One of my former students, for example, completed her thesis with me last summer and now is in her first of medical school at Boston University (where she will do very well).

I hope this helps a bit.

In spirit,
--Joseph

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 [Comment by Rick Shweder](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Here are some programs of relevance, the ones I point undergrads to when they express an interest in graduate work in cultural psychology.

The Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago (an interdisciplinary PhD program with anthropologists and psychologists, and sociologists and others)

The following Psychology Departments: Stanford University, U of Michigan, UCLA, University of British Columbia, University of Illinois.

The following Anthropology Departments (with rich traditions in psychological anthropology): UCLA, University of California (at San Diego), Emory University, Stanford University.

I hope that helps,

Rick Shweder



 [Comment by Laurence J. Kirmayer](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 22]

We have an annual summer program in Cultural Psychiatry that runs for the month of May with a graduate seminar and workshops (notably one called "Working with Culture"). This may provide a useful supplement for students in other programs. Participants include graduate students, professionals and social scientists from around the world.

Best,

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 [Comment by David Goodman](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 23]

Dear all,

Thank you for these wealth of resources and generous responses! I'm delighted to learn about these programs and opportunities and I will certainly pass these along to

students. It's encouraging to hear about this important work being done through these various programs.

Thank you again!

Best,
David