

William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis & Psychology

Psychoanalytic Training Program:  
Division 1 Elective Courses

**Requirement**

Elective courses are listed as 500- and 600-level classes on our website's curriculum page (<http://www.wawhite.org/index.php?page=curriculum>). During the third and fourth years of training, candidates are required to enroll in one elective course per trimester beginning in the second trimester of the third year. During the course of their training, candidates are expected to take 5 elective courses in total. In lieu of one elective, candidates are welcome to attend 10 meetings of a specialized study group with the permission of the Director of Curriculum.

**Selection**

Starting at the end of the second year, candidates are encouraged to begin contacting faculty members to express interest in established elective courses which have been listed online.

Candidates may also contact a faculty member to ask if s/he is willing to create a new elective course that will address a specific interest shared by a group of candidates.

Finally, candidates may ask a faculty member if s/he is willing to teach a one-on-one Independent Study course (see Curriculum page for link) which may, with the prior approval of the Curriculum Committee, take the place of a standard elective course.

**Scheduling**

Candidates are asked to coordinate directly with faculty members to work out the dates, times, and years when elective courses will be offered.

Be aware that while faculty members may indicate specific meeting times for established courses when they are listed online, some instructors may have the flexibility to adjust these times in order to accommodate candidates who are interested in taking the course.

It is up to the faculty member to determine the meeting place and the class size.

Please note that candidates should not expect courses to run automatically. A faculty member may choose not to offer the course if too few candidates enroll. They may also close courses if the enrollment reaches a specified class limit.

**Enrollment**

Once candidates have chosen an elective course and confirmed with the instructor, they must submit the form below to the registrar.

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*PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE REGISTRAR*

CANDIDATE:

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