Term I (Fall, 2017): GSWS 811-3
Term 2 (Spring, 2018): GSWS 812-3
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES

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Seminars: Meet every 2-3 weeks, Wednesdays 14:30 - 16:20; AQ 5028

Course Description:
The Professional Development Seminar Series is designed to help students identify their academic/professional interests and career paths, explore and develop relevant skills, and support each other in navigating the challenges of graduate school and beyond. We will meet every 2-3 weeks in an interactive seminar setting.

Term 1 (811-3) will focus on:
• how to succeed in graduate school while maintaining work-life balance
• developing and strengthening research skills
• exploring writing for conferences and publication
• exposure to faculty’s research expertise
• exploring possible career paths and identifying relevant professional skills that need development

Term 2 (812-3) will focus on:
• continual development of writing and research skills with peer support
• learning about academic, alt-academic, non-profit and other job markets for GSWS graduates
• putting together a portfolio that serves as the basis for future job, Ph.D. and/or funding applications

Educational Goals:
• II Develop transferable professional skills

For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
This course is graded on an in-progress/complete basis. Students will be evaluated on their attendance and participation at the sessions listed below. Full attendance and engaged participation are expected to achieve the COMPLETE grade. In addition, students are encouraged to attend relevant seminars and workshops offered by Graduate Studies, as well as consult one-on-one with the Graduate Chair about their professional development.

Prerequisite: none