



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

PHD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS | YEAR ONE

COURSES	Statistics: PSY 221A (fall) PSY 221 B (winter) Third stats course*	PSY 221A and PSY 221B must be taken for at least a B+ average. The third statistics course can be taken for a B+. The PhD degree requires a total of three statistics courses and nine other courses (for a total of twelve courses).
	Three 200-level PSY courses	All courses in the first year must be taken for a grade for a B+ average. Courses must be a minimum of three units . If there are not enough 200-level PSY courses to take in the first year, a petition can be submitted to push this requirement to the second year. PSY 594 classes can also satisfy this requirement.
TEACHING	PSY 590A (fall) PSY 590B (winter)	Participation in a full year of TA training workshops is required, regardless of teaching assignment in the first year. Students will be evaluated by the TA Advisory Panel. Before the end of the fifth year, students must complete a minimum of one quarter as a teaching assistant in PSY 1, 5, 10A, 10B, or an upper-division lab class.
RESEARCH	PSY 596 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are expected to begin developing or participating in research projects and programs. By the end of the fifth week of fall quarter, students will submit a written PSY 596 proposal to the Graduate Office.
SEMINAR	PSY 592 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are required to enroll in and attend the PSY 592 seminar series associated with their research area as defined in the area supplementary requirements.
FIRST YEAR PROGRESS REPORT	This report is an accounting of accomplishments in PSY 596 and may include: a research proposal, a literature review, or a project write-up. The content of the report should be discussed with the advisor. The report must be submitted (electronically) to the Graduate Advisor by the last day of instruction of spring quarter.	

*The third statistics course must be taken by the end of the second year. See graduate student website for a list of acceptable courses. If the course is taken in the first year and is a 200-level course, it can count toward the three 200-level courses required in the first year. If the course is taken in the second year, it can be counted toward one of the three courses required.



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COURSES	Third stats course (if not taken in year one)	The third statistics course must be taken by the end of the second year (for at least a B+ grade). See graduate student website for a list of acceptable courses. If the course is taken in the second year, it can be counted toward one of the three courses required. The PhD degree requires a total of three statistics courses and nine other courses (for a total of twelve courses).
	Three graduate or upper-division undergraduate courses, from any department	Classes can be taken S/U in the second year. Courses must be a minimum of three units .
RESEARCH	PSY 596 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are expected to begin developing or participating in research projects and programs. By the end of the fifth week of fall quarter, students will submit a written PSY 596 proposal to the Graduate Office.
SEMINAR	PSY 592 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are required to enroll in and attend the PSY 592 seminar series associated with their research area as defined in the area supplementary requirements.
SECOND YEAR PAPER	The second year paper consists of the results of empirical research in the form of a journal article. The paper is prepared according to APA style and content requirements. Paper is read by student's advisor and another representative faculty reader. The paper is due on the last day of winter quarter. Students should discuss with their advisor all aspects of the research to be reported in the paper.	
MINICON	All second year students must present their research orally at the annual Department Mini Convention.	
DOCTORAL COMMITTEE FORMATION	In spring quarter, consult with your advisor regarding the formation of your doctoral committee and the date by which it needs to be formed. The Doctoral Committee consists of four or more members. The student's advisor is the committee chair. Three members must be full-time PBS faculty members, and two must be from the student's area.	



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PHD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS | YEAR THREE

COURSES	Four graduate or upper-division undergraduate classes (from any department)	Classes can be taken S/U. The PhD degree requires a total of three statistics courses and nine other courses (for a total of twelve courses). All courses must be completed by the end of the fifth year. Courses must be a minimum of three units .
RESEARCH	PSY 596 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are expected to continue developing or participating in research projects and programs.
SEMINAR	PSY 592 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are required to enroll in and attend the PSY 592 seminar series associated with their research area as defined in the area supplementary requirements.
WRITTEN EXAM	The written exam demonstrates that a student has mastered the literature of his or her general area. The format and content of the exam is defined in the area supplementary documents. Students will be evaluated and receive one of the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Passb. Decision deferred until contingencies satisfied	
ORAL EXAM	Within two weeks of passing the written exam, students must set the date of the oral exam and notify the Graduate Advisor of the date, time, and place of the exam. The oral exam must be completed by the end of fall quarter. The oral exam demonstrates that the student has both the knowledge and the skills necessary to proceed with independent research at the doctoral level. The exam may cover material relevant to the student's general area and to the relations between this area and broader psychological issues. Students will be evaluated and receive one of the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Passb. Decision deferred until contingencies satisfiedc. Fail (with the relevant faculty's recommendation in regards to the status of the program)	
ADVANCE TO CANDIDACY	In spring quarter, the student will obtain the completed Form II from the Graduate Office, pay the advancement to candidacy fee to the Cashier's office, and present the receipt and form to Graduate Division.	



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PHD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS | YEAR FOUR

COURSES	Four additional graduate or upper-division undergraduate classes (from any department).*	Classes can be taken S/U. The PhD degree requires a total of three statistics courses and nine other courses (for a total of twelve courses). All courses must be completed by the end of the fifth year. Courses must be a minimum of three units .
RESEARCH	PSY 599 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are expected to continue developing or participating in research projects and programs.
SEMINAR	PSY 592 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are required to enroll in and attend the PSY 592 seminar series associated with their research area as defined in the area supplementary requirements.
DISSERTATION PROPOSAL AND MEETING	The Dissertation Proposal includes a scholarly review of the relevant literature and a description of the proposed program of research, including methods and analyses where appropriate. Students must submit a draft of their dissertation proposal to the Graduate Advisor by the last day of fall quarter. The proposal will be forwarded to the proposal to members student's doctoral committee. Students must then meet with their committee to discuss the proposal during winter quarter. The subsequent plan for the doctoral research (as presented and modified, if necessary at the proposal meeting) is subject to approval of the student's committee. The approved and final version of the dissertation proposal must be submitted to the Graduate Advisor before the end of instruction of winter quarter.	

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PHD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS | YEAR FIVE

COURSES	Four additional graduate or upper-division undergraduate classes (from any department)*	Classes can be taken S/U. The PhD degree requires a total of three statistics courses and nine other courses (for a total of twelve courses). All courses must be completed by the end of the fifth year. Courses must be a minimum of three units .
RESEARCH	PSY 599 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are expected to continue developing or participating in research projects and programs.
SEMINAR	PSY 592 (fall, winter, & spring)	Students are required to enroll in and attend the PSY 592 seminar series associated with their research area as defined in the area supplementary requirements.
DISSERTATION LECTURE	Students are required to present a lecture on their dissertation research to students and faculty in their area and other interested parties by the end of Year 5/6. You must advertise the lecture to the department by sending an email to business@psych .	
DISSERTATION ORAL EXAM & FILING	The purpose of the Dissertation Oral Examination is to demonstrate that the student can explain and defend his or her doctoral dissertation and demonstrate readiness for independent research. This exam may not be scheduled until the Graduate Advisor has certified that all other requirements for the degree have been fulfilled. After the student has passed the oral exam and made any final changes to the dissertation document (approved by chair of committee), he/she will obtain signatures from entire committee. After Form III is signed, students must file an electronic copy of the dissertation and original signature page with Graduate Division. Students then file the Form III with Graduate Division.	
DEPARTMENT CHECKOUT	Students must complete department checkout. See the Graduate Advisor for more information.	

*If not already completed in years three and four.