

Experimental Psychology PhD Program 4-Year Overview

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample schedule based on completing the PhD degree in 4 years. The actual schedule followed by each student may vary slightly. All students should consult with their research mentors and refer to the Experimental Psychology Instructions to Graduate Students for your incoming year for further details on degree requirements.

Full-time status: Students are required to maintain full-time registration in order to receive funding. In the Fall and Spring semesters, 9 credit hours is considered full-time. In the Summer semester, 6 credit hours is considered full-time. Once a student enters Doctoral Candidacy, they will be considered full-time and must be continuously enrolled until the semester in which they receive their degree.

YEAR	TERM	COURSE	CREDIT HRS	ACCUM. HRS	DEGREE MILESTONES
YEAR 1	Summer	PSYC 604 (Orientation to Research) <small>Not required for degree; only required for those whose assistantships begin July 1st</small>	3	3	
	Fall	PSYC 610 (Advanced Stats I)	3		
		PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3		
		PSYC 602-01 (Brown Bag)	1		
		PSYC 602-02 (Research Methods)	1		
PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	1	12			
Spring	PSYC 611 (Advanced Stats II)	3			
	PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3			
	PSYC 602-01 (Brown Bag)	1			
	PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	2	21		
Summer	PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	6	27		
YEAR 2	Fall	PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3		
		PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3		
		PSYC 602-01 (Brown Bag)	1		
		PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	2	36	
Spring	PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3			
	PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3			
	PSYC 602-01 (Brown Bag)	1			
	PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	2	45		
Summer	PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	6	51	Master's Portfolio & MS Degree	
YEAR 3	Fall	PSYC ### (Program Core or Elective) *	3		
		PSYC 602-01 (Brown Bag)	1		Prelim Proposal
		PSYC 605 (Independent Study)	5	60	
	Spring	PSYC 602-01 (Brown Bag)	1		
DOCT 799 (Doctoral Exam Prep)**		2	63	Preliminary Exam	
Summer	DOCT 600 (Doctoral Candidacy)	2	65	Dissertation Proposal	
YEAR 4	Fall	DOCT 600 (Doctoral Candidacy)	2		
	Spring	DOCT 600 (Doctoral Candidacy)	2		Dissertation Defense & PhD Degree
	Summer	DOCT 600 (Doctoral Candidacy)	2	71	

* **Core Courses:** Students are required to take two of the following Program Core Courses

- 1) PSYC 621 (Cognitive Processes)
- 2) PSYC 631 (Sensation and Perception)
- 3) PSYC 642 (Behavioral Neuroscience)
-or- PSYC 643 (Principles of Neuroscience)
- 4) PSYC 661 (Advanced Developmental Psychology)

* **Electives:** Students are required to take five 600-level electives prior to going into candidacy. Students may take these courses inside or outside the department, but they must be approved by the student's mentor. Elective options vary each semester.

** Students who have completed all required courses for the PhD degree but have not yet completed their Prelim Exam should discuss with their mentor and Program Director whether or not DOCT 799 (2hrs) would be right for them.