

Requirements for BCS (Brain and Cognitive Sciences)

- 1) Students must fulfill all Psychology Graduate Program requirements.
- 2) Students must take, from the list below of basic courses offered by BCS, the course that is central to their area of interest. In addition, all students must take at least one Core offered by BCS (8312 or 8712).

Basic Courses

Cognitive Psychology (8312)
Learning & Behavioral Analysis (5103)
Behavioral Neuroscience (8712)
Topical Seminar in Sensory and Perception

- 3) Students must make substantial progress on a research project in their first year. This project should be developed in collaboration with your advisor. A presentation describing your project must be given before the last day of classes in the spring semester. The quality of the project must be such that, assuming the data are not equivocal, it can be submitted to a research journal. These presentations will normally be made during the weekly area meetings and must be presented before at least the advisor for the researcher's project and two other faculty members from within the program. Continuation in the graduate program is contingent on successfully completing this project.

- 4) Preliminary exams will be completed during the 3rd year, as defined by beginning at the summer following the end of the 2nd year and ending at the last day of final exams during the 2nd semester of the third year (i.e., the students' 6th semester). For full preliminary exam policy please see

<http://www.temple.edu/psychology/graduate/defending/index.htm>

- 5) BCS's expectations for presentations and publications are a presentation at a meeting (or submission) by the end of the 2nd year and at least one every subsequent year and a manuscript submitted by end of the Fall semester of the 3rd year (2.5 year mark) and at least one every subsequent year.