

***Departmental Course Requirements For the Ph.D.***

All students must satisfy the general requirements for the Ph.D. established by the Department of Psychology.

1. Two semesters of graduate coursework in statistics (Psych 8011 & 8021) must be completed in their first year.
2. A minimum of four core courses must be successfully completed in the first four semesters in residence (five semesters for clinical students). Core courses include 8212, 8312, 8712, 8512, 8612, 8412, and 8012.
3. Students may take no more than 18 hours of research or reading credits prior to elevation to candidacy. Research/reading courses could include 9994, 9998, 9183, and 9991.
4. No more than 2 grades of less than “B-” quality work may be earned toward the degree in courses taken after acceptance into the program.
5. A written preliminary examination must be approved and defended orally before a committee selected by the student and approved by the department. No preliminary exam may be taken more than twice, in whole or in part.
6. A written dissertation must be approved and defended orally before a committee selected by the student and approved by the department.
7. A minimum of 6 dissertation credits must be completed (Psych 9999).
8. Enrollment must be continuous, except for approved leaves of absence.
9. All degree requirements must be completed within 7 years of the beginning of the student’s first semester of fulltime study in the department.

10. No candidate may graduate with an I (incomplete) on his or her record.
11. All graduate students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in order to receive the Ph.D.
12. See [Department of Psychology Handbook](#) for more information.