

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PH.D. IN THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM**

### **Course Requirements:**

- a. Core Courses Four graduate core courses (12 credits) in the Psychology Department are required, including the core course in Social Psychology (8612)
- b. Design and Statistics Requirement: Four methodological courses (12 credits), which must include Graduate Statistics I (8011) and Graduate Statistics II (8021). Courses that will fulfill the additional three requirements in this set include the following:
1. Survey of Multivariate Techniques
  2. Any methodological special topics course in Psychology
  3. Any course in the Statistics Department (see Graduate Bulletin for listing)
  4. A methodological course offered outside of Psychology or Statistics, as long as the student's adviser and Program Director approve it.
- c. Social Psychology Electives: At least five other substantive courses or seminars (15 or more credits) All graduate courses in the Psychology Department are acceptable as Social Psychology electives. Graduate courses in other departments in the College of Liberal Arts are acceptable with the approval of the student's advisor. Courses in the Fox School of Business and Management and elsewhere in the University may also be acceptable, but the student should obtain the approval of his or her advisor, the Social Psychology Area Director, and the Head of the Department's Graduate Board before registering for those courses.
- d. Research Projects-first and second year. Students are required to engage in a series of research projects, beginning in their first year of study. Temple does not offer a terminal master's degree in Social Psychology. However, students are permitted to obtain a Master's degree on their way to a PhD, and are required to complete and present research equivalent to a Masters thesis by the end of their second year. Students should submit a proposal for their master's thesis to their adviser by the end of the first year of study. The thesis proposal may be related to a student's first year project or it may represent a new project. \*\*Note—students may not ordinarily register for more than 18 research credits, including a maximum of six credits from directed readings courses, before passing the preliminary exam, and getting approval for the dissertation proposal. These steps are not usually achieved until the end of the third year, or beginning of the fourth year. (see e.and f. below )
- e. Preliminary Examination: Students must complete and defend a written doctoral preliminary examination, normally by the end of the third year of study. This examination takes the form of an integrative literature review on a topic of the student's interest. The examination is written under the supervision of the student's advisor, and may also be co-supervised by other faculty members when appropriate. When completed, the written preliminary examination is submitted to every faculty

member in the program for evaluation and also defended orally in front of the program faculty.

f. Doctoral Dissertation: Students should form a dissertation committee and submit a formal detailed proposal to this committee early in their fourth year. The student should develop the proposal in close consultation with the members of their committee and particularly the chair.

**EXAMPLE PROGRESSION**

	<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>
<b>First Year</b>	Psych 8312 (Core #1)	Elective #1
	Psych 8011 (Methods #1)	Psych 8021 (Methods #2)
	Core #2	Core #3
		First year project and Master's proposal due

<b>Second Year</b>	Core #4	Elective #2
	Methods #3	Elective #3
		Master's Defense

<b>Third Year</b>	Methods #4	Elective #5
	Elective #4	Successful completion of Prelim

<b>Fourth Year</b>	Dissertation Proposal defended	Dissertation Defended