



Department of Psychology Degree Requirements, Ph.D. Program

RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS	DUE DATE	REGISTER FOR
Research Proposal (First Year)	Year #1 (Fall) Close of Fall Exam Period	PSYC 220a-245a
Research Report (First Year)	Year #2, August 31 st	PSYC 220a-245a
Lab Rotation Proposal**	Year #2, September 1 st	PSYC 220a-245a
Lab Rotation Report**	Year #2, January 15 th	PSYC 220a-245a
NRSA Proposal	Year #2, End of Spring final exam period	PSYC 250a
Dissertation Proposal w/Literature Review	January 15 th of Year #3 with successful oral exam of proposal by May 31.	CONT 400d
Meeting with dissertation committee	Year 4	n/a
Statistics Defense	Prior to Dissertation Defense	
Dissertation Defense	Usually done in Year #5	CONT 400d
**In some cases year 2 rotation may be postponed, in which case the proposal would be due on Jan. 15 th of the spring semester, and the rotation report would be due before the close of final exams during the same semester.		
COURSE REQUIREMENTS		
PSYC 210a, PSYC 210b	Advanced Statistics I & II	Year #1, 1 st & 2 nd semester
PSYC 211a	Graduate Research Methods	Year #1, 1 st semester
PSYC 300a, PSYC 302a	Pro-seminar in Brain Body & Behavior	Years 1 & 2, 2 nd semesters
PSYC 313a (or PSYC 313b)	Psychology Lab Rotations	Year #2, 1 st semester
PSYC 316a ("Brown Bag")	Psychology Research Seminar	Every semester (must present once yearly, including proposal)
Ethics Mini-Course and CITI Training (not for credit)	Year #1, Spring Semester (& Year #5 NRSA Trainees)	DivSci sign up for mini-course
<p>Advance Elective Courses (100-level or above): 6 are required: 1 in the first term of the first year; 2 in the first term of the second year; 1 in the second term of the second year; and 1 each term of the third year. Please note advanced courses <u>do not include</u> independent readings courses or the research courses listed above. One of the advanced courses must be a 3rd statistics or advanced methods course chosen with faculty advisor.</p>		
BREADTH REQUIREMENT:	Due Year #3 (due before submitting dissertation proposal)	
<p>Fulfilled by demonstrating competence in at least six of the following nine areas, with a minimum of 2 from each group. Group A: Physiological/Sensory Processes; Perception; Learning/Comparative; Cognition/Memory; & Cognitive Science/Linguistics. Group B: Developmental; Social; Personality; & Abnormal.</p>		
<p>The requirements may be satisfied in any of three ways: 1) by having completed an undergraduate or graduate course in that area (equivalent to Brandeis 100-level or above); 2) By completing an undergraduate or graduate course offered in that area at Brandeis (100-level or above); and 3) By successfully passing the equivalent of any undergraduate final examination for that course.</p>		
TEACHING REQUIREMENT:	(refer to page 2 for schedule)	
6 Courses required: 1 during the spring semester of year 1; 2 in year 2, and 2 in year 3; and 1 during year 4.		
The TF requirement reduced to once yearly during years 2 and 3 for NRSA/NSF training grant appointees or fellows.		
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BRAIN, BODY, BEHAVIOR (BBB) STUDENTS:		
<p>Lab Rotation – Year 2: must be in a biomedical area Breadth Requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two additional courses chosen in consultation with faculty advisor to satisfy the biomedical breadth requirement. Refer to <i>Breadth Requirement Form</i> to see list of approved subject areas/topics: http://www.brandeis.edu/departments/psych/doctoral/forms.html. • OR, enrollment in one additional course to satisfy the biomedical breadth requirement, AND one semester in an approved BBB journal club, biomedical seminar or colloquium series (does not count as an advanced course for the department Ph.D. requirements). Currently approved venues include: Topics in Molecular Genetics and Development (BIOL 305), Topics in Neurobiology (NBIO 306), Systems/Computational Neuroscience JournalClub (NBIO 340) and Neuroscience Proseminar (NBIO250). 		



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COURSE & TEACHING REQUIREMENT CHART YEAR-TO-YEAR:	
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Year Research Proposal (due to advisor by close of Fall Semester Final Exam Period) Teaching Fellowship (TF) (Spring)
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
PSYC 210a Advanced Psychological Statistics I	PSYC 210b Advanced Psychological Statistics II
PSYC 211a Graduate Research Methods in Psychology	PSYC 300a or 302a Proseminar in Brain, Body &
Advanced Elective Course (100 level or above)	PSYC 220a-245a Research (half-time)
PSYC 220a-245a Research (quarter-time)	PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar
PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar	DivSci Mini-course and CITI Training (not for credit)
YEAR 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab Rotation Proposal (due Sept. 1) First Year Research Report (due Aug 31st) Rotation Report (due Jan. 15)
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
Advanced Course (100 level or above)	PSYC 300a or 302a Proseminar in Brain, Body &
Advanced Course (100 level or above)	Advanced Course (100 level or above)
PSYC 220a-245a Research w/ Advisor (quarter-time)	PSYC 220a-245a Research (quarter-time)
PSYC 313a Research w/ Lab Rotation advisor (1/4- time)	PSYC 250a Advanced Research Project
PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar	PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar
YEAR 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissertation proposal due January 15th Proposal oral exam by May 31st Students delayed with dissertation proposal should submit "Delays in Dissertation Timeline Form" before the grad review in Spring of year 3
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
Advanced Course (100 level or above)	Advanced Course (100 level or above)
PSYC 220a-245a Research (three-quarter-time)	PSYC 220a-245a Research (three-quarter-time)
PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar	PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar
YEAR 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Teaching Fellowship (TF) (Fall)
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
PSYC 400d Dissertation Research (If Dissertation Proposal accepted. Otherwise PSYC 220a-245a)	PSYC 400d Dissertation Research (If Dissertation Proposal accepted. Otherwise PSYC 220a-245a)
CONT 500a Graduate Research (with PSYC220a-245a only)	CONT 500a Graduate Research (with PSYC220a-245a only)
PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar	PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar
YEAR 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics Defense & Dissertation Defense
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
PSYC 400d Dissertation Research	PSYC 400d Dissertation Research
PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar	PSYC 316a Psychology Research Seminar
	Ethics Mini-course -- (if on an NRSA or T32)