

Graduate Study Plan

The sample study plan below provides a general roadmap for completing the Psychology Ph.D. program. Individual plans may vary based on course availability, research progress, and other circumstances. Students should develop their individual study plan in consultation with their faculty advisor.

For specific Statistics Core and Area Core requirements for your program area, see **Graduate Coursework Requirements**.

Year 1

Coursework

- Complete required **Statistics Core** coursework
- Complete or begin **Area Core** coursework
- Begin **Further Studies** coursework
- Enroll in your area's required **Proseminar**

Research & Teaching

- Research: **PSYC 296**
- Teaching: **PSYC 301**, as applicable

Program Progress

- Begin work toward the **Second-Year Project**
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Year 2

Coursework

- Complete any remaining **Area Core** requirements
- Continue/complete **Further Studies** coursework
- Continue required **Proseminar**

Research

- **PSYC 296**

Program Milestone

- Complete the **Second-Year Project**
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Year 3

Coursework & Professional Development

- Complete any remaining required coursework
- Continue required **Proseminar**, as applicable
- Begin or continue coursework for **specialized subfield(s)**, if pursuing

Research

- **PSYC 297/291**, as applicable

Program Milestones

- Prepare for and complete the **Qualifying Examination**
 - Advance to **Ph.D. candidacy**
 - Continue dissertation research and preparation
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Year 4

Coursework & Professional Development

- **PSYC 409B – Professional Development**
- Complete additional coursework for **specialized subfield(s)**, if pursuing

Research

- **PSYC 299 – Research for Dissertation**

Program Milestone

- Complete the **Dissertation Proposal**
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Year 5

Research

- **PSYC 299 – Research for Dissertation**

Program Milestone

- Complete the **Dissertation Defense and Dissertation**
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Planning Your Program

This timeline is intended as a general guide. Students should work closely with their faculty advisor to develop an individualized plan based on their area requirements, research progress, and academic goals.

See **Graduate Coursework Requirements** for detailed information about:

- Statistics Core requirements
- Area Core coursework
- Further Studies requirements
- Customized Concentrations