

Course Requirements and Expectations

The Ph.D. is a research degree, and students should keep this in mind during their time in the Experimental Psychology PhD program. The basic requirements of the Experimental Psychology PhD program are 75 credits total:

- 30 credits of graded coursework
- 15 credits of PSYS 6391 – Master's Thesis Research
- 20 credits of PSYS 7491 – Doctoral Dissertation Research
- 10 additional credits, which may be graded, ungraded, or Doctoral Dissertation Research credits

Minimum Expectations:

- Students will attend Cluster meetings each semester for the entirety of their enrollment in the program.
- Students will be continuously involved in research, typically for 20 hours per week, including writing and submitting work for publication.
- Students will regularly attend departmental events, such as departmental colloquia and the annual Data Blitz.

BIOBEHAVIORAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBPROGRAM

Required Graded Coursework (30 credits)

PSYS 6000 - Advanced Statistical Methods I (3 credits)

PSYS 6005 - Advanced Statistical Methods II (3 credits)

PSYS 6400 - Biobehavioral Proseminar (3 credits)

PSYS 6990 - Biobehavioral Proseminar II (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX or NSCI 6XXX or BIOL 6XXX - Three neuroscience-related electives (9 credits)

PSYS 6XXX – A breadth course (3 credits) from a core area of Experimental Psychology outside of your area of specialization.

This may be fulfilled by Proseminar in Experimental Social Psychology (PSYS 6500), Developmental Proseminar (PSYS 6600), or an approved social or developmental psychology graduate seminar (please contact the course instructor to verify suitability of any non-

Proseminar courses). (3 credits)

6XXX - Two electives in Psychological Science or a related field (6 credits)

Additional Requirements (45 credits)

PSYS 6990A – Biobehavioral Cluster (8 semesters; 8 credits total)

PSYS 6391 – Master's Thesis Research (15 credits)

PSYS 7491 – Doctoral Dissertation Research (22 credits)

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBPROGRAM

Required Graded Coursework (30 credits)

PSYS 6000 - Advanced Statistical Methods I (3 credits)

PSYS 6005 - Advanced Statistical Methods II (3 credits)

PSYS 6600 - Developmental Proseminar (3 credits)

PSYS 6010 – Seminar in Psychological Science Research Methods (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX – A breadth course (3 credits) from a core area of Experimental Psychology outside of your area of specialization.

This may be fulfilled by Biobehavioral Proseminar (PSYS 6400), Proseminar in Experimental Social Psychology (PSYS 6500), or an approved biobehavioral or social psychology graduate seminar (please contact the course instructor to verify suitability of any non-Proseminar courses). (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX – One additional advanced statistics course (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX - Two additional Developmental Psychology seminar courses (6 credits)

6XXX – Two electives (6 credits)

Additional Requirements (45 credits)

PSYS 6990B – Developmental Cluster (8 semesters; 8 credits total)

PSYS 6391 – Master's Thesis Research (15 credits)

PSYS 7491 – Doctoral Dissertation Research (minimum 22 credits)

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SUBPROGRAM

Required Graded Coursework (30 credits)

PSYS 6000 - Advanced Statistical Methods I (3 credits)

PSYS 6005 - Advanced Statistical Methods II (3 credits)

PSYS 6400 – Proseminar in Experimental Social Psychology (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX – A breadth course (3 credits) from a core area of Experimental Psychology outside of your area of specialization.

This may be fulfilled by Biobehavioral Proseminar (PSYS 6400), Developmental Proseminar (PSYS 6600), or an approved biobehavioral or developmental psychology graduate seminar (please contact the course instructor to verify suitability of any non-Proseminar courses). (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX – One additional advanced statistics course (3 credits)

PSYS 6XXX - Two additional Social Psychology seminar courses (6 credits)

6XXX – Three electives (9 credits)

Additional Requirements (45 credits)

PSYS 6990C – Social Cluster (8 semesters; 8 credits total)

PSYS 6391 – Master's Thesis Research (15 credits)

PSYS 7491 – Doctoral Dissertation Research (22 credits)