

Appendix G: Ph.D. Requirement Checklist for Psychology

1. A **master's degree** in Psychology. Date completed _____

2. **Complete all required didactic coursework for the Ph.D. in Psychology program**

In total, the Ph.D. in Psychology requires completion of a minimum of 31 didactic credits for students entering the program without a master's degree. The didactic coursework may be completed at any time throughout the M.S. or Ph.D. program. The M.S. Plan of Study should include only the first 16 credits completed from the list below. All courses from the list below should appear on the Ph.D. Plan of Study, including those that appeared on the M.S. Plan of Study. Didactic courses on the Ph.D. Plan of Study must include a minimum of 15 doctoral level credits (700 or 800 level).

Quantitative & Methods (9 credits)

PSYC 640 Experimental Methods; Semester & Year _____

PSYC 761 Applied Research Design; Semester & Year _____

PSYC 762 Advanced Research Methods and Analysis; Semester & Year _____

Core Areas of Psychology (12 credits)

PSYC 731 Fundamental Processes in Cognition (Cognitive Psychology); Semester & Year _____

PSYC 771 Social/Health Psychology Research (Health Psychology); Semester & Year _____

PSYC 720 Cognitive Neuroscience (Neuroscience); Semester & Year _____

PSYC 787 Advanced Social Psychology and Health (Social Psychology); Semester & Year _____

Grant Writing in Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 763 Grant Writing for Psychological Scientists; Semester & Year _____

College Teaching (3 credits)

COMM 702 Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Science

Or STEM 810 Teaching College Science; Semester & Year _____

Electives (4+ credits)

Complete a minimum of 4 credits of didactic electives at the graduate level (600, 700, or 800 level). These credits may come from Psychology or another department.

Elective 1: _____; Semester & Year _____

Elective 2: _____; Semester & Year _____

3. **Teaching of Psychology.** All students will teach a full semester course in psychology for which they should enroll for 5 credits in Psyc 794 - Teaching Practicum
Semester taught _____

4. **Submit a grant or fellowship application.** All students will prepare and submit a grant or fellowship application. Enroll in 1-3 credits of PSYC 893 (Grant Writing Experience) and submit a confirmation of your submission to the graduate program coordinator.
Semester & Year completed _____
5. Participate in a continued program of **research apprenticeship** with at least one faculty member and, accordingly, enroll in **PSYC 793** each semester for 1-5 credits.
6. Participate and fulfill the requirements for the **Graduate Seminar** (PSYC 790) each semester for 1 credit. This is the Psychology Department's Colloquium Series.
7. Recruit an **Advisory Committee**, Meet with Advisory Committee Regarding Plan of Study Coursework, and general directions for a topic/area of research
(Suggested April of 1st Year after completing MS; conducted _____)
8. Prepare a **Plan of Study**, Receive Signed Approval of it from Committee members and Department Chair, and deposit Plan of Study with Graduate College
(Suggested April of 1st Year after completing MS)

Date Deposited with Graduate College _____
9. Complete a **major area paper** to serve as the comprehensive exam for Ph.D. candidacy.

Meet with Advisory Committee members regarding general directions for a topic and area of review (Suggested *April of 1st Year* after completing MS _____)

Write an acceptable major area paper (suggested oral defense date, *October of 2nd year after completing MS*) Date of Oral Defense _____
10. Write an acceptable **Dissertation Proposal**

Date of Proposal Meeting _____
Date of Dissertation Committee Approval _____
11. **Dissertation Credits**, enroll in PSYC 799 each semester while pursuing dissertation research (not fewer than 6 credits and no more than 15? credits total).
12. **Presentation of Dissertation** Research. A full presentation of each student's dissertation research to the faculty is expected, generally as part of the colloquium series.

Date of Presentation _____
13. Submit an acceptable **Dissertation** and successfully defend it

Date of Oral Defense _____
Date of Approval by Dissertation Committee _____
Date of Final Copy Approval by Graduate College _____

14. Complete at least **90 hours of graduate credit** including those completed for the master's degree. *These credits must be earned with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.* Of this total of 90 credits, at least 60 credits must be earned at NDSU.