Suggested Timeline of Doctoral Degree Requirements in Social Psychology

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Academic Activities

Fall Theory Prosem Grad Stats Prof. dev. brownbag 1st Yr. Project Begin CO Residency	 Fall Theory Prosem Prof. dev. brownbag 2nd Yr. Project Proposal 	 Fall Prof. dev. Brownbag Register for 3 diss hours 2nd Yr. Project Oral presentation File candidacy application for MA; diploma card; MA exam report Written report approved 12/31 	Fall Register for ≥ 5 diss hours Specialty Comps - Approved 12/31 - File Ph.D. exam report; admission to candidacy! Dissertation prospectus - Written proposal - Oral defense Dissertation research	 Fall Register for ≥ 5 diss hours Dissertation research
Spring Research Methods Grad Stats Prof. dev. brownbag 1st Year Project Mini-convention (May) Written report (6/01) 1st Year Project Form	Spring Add'l Methods Course Prof. dev. Brownbag Register for 3 diss hours	 Spring Prof. dev. Brownbag Register for 4 diss hours File candidacy application for Ph.D. Start specialty comps General comps exam (May) 	 Spring Register for ≥ 5 diss hours Dissertation research 	 Spring Register for ≥ 5 diss hours Dissertation Written dissertation Oral defense File doctoral exam report

Other requirements across the timeline: 34 hrs. coursework (30 hrs. prior to filing for Master's degree), including 4 advanced seminars (at least 3 in social psych, 1 can be "outside" social); 30 hrs. dissertation work, up to 10 hrs. prior to the semester in which the comprehensive examination is passed

Professional Activities

- Apply for fellowships (e.g., NSF, NIH)Join professional societies
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- Submit 1st yr proj for publication
- Poster at a professional conference
- Apply for external & internal grants (SPSP, SPSSI)
- Seek add'l training (e.g., SISP; teaching wkshp)

- Submit manuscript(s) for publication
- Conference poster
- Consider add'l lines of research
- Apply for grants
- Seek add'l training
- Consider different types of professional careers

- Submit manuscript(s) for publication
- First author?
- Top journals?
- Conference presentation
- Attend "small conference"
- Begin thinking about job market; postdoc advisors & grants
- Submit manuscript(s) for publication
- Submit specialty comps as theory paper
- · Conference presentation
- Apply for faculty & postdoc positions