# Suggested Timeline of Doctoral Degree Requirements in Social Psychology

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|  • Theory Prosem  
  • Grad Stats  
  • Prof. dev. brownbag  
  • 1st Yr. Project  
  • Begin CO Residency |  • Theory Prosem  
  • Prof. dev. brownbag  
  • 2nd Yr. Project Proposal |  • 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 |  • 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 |  • Register for ≥ 5 diss hours  
  • Dissertation research |
| **Spring** | **Spring** | **Spring** | **Spring** | **Spring** |
|  • Research Methods  
  • Grad Stats  
  • Prof. dev. brownbag  
  • 1st Year Project  
  - Mini-convention (May)  
  - Written report (6/01)  
  - 1st Year Project Form |  • Add’l Methods Course  
  • Prof. dev. Brownbag  
  • Register for 3 diss hours |  • Prof. dev. Brownbag  
  • Register for 4 diss hours  
  • File candidacy application for Ph.D.  
  • Start specialty comps  
  • General compex exam (May) |  • Register for ≥ 5 diss hours  
  • Dissertation research |  • 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 (e.g., SPSP, SPSSI)
- 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
- 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