

Cognitive Graduate Program Quick Reference Guide to Classes

Overall Requirements

Before graduating, you must have completed the following classes:

- A two-course series in General Statistics (First Year)
- A Research Methods Proseminar (First Year)
- Four further proseminars: Memory, Perception, Language, Higher-Level Cognition (1st/2nd Years)
- Cog Lunch (every year until graduation)
- Three “Special Topics” seminars (PSYC 5541 or 7215) offered by *Cognitive Program Faculty* (recommend taking before Comps Exam, but no specific timeline is mandated)
- Graduate School Rule: A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate classes taught by members of the graduate faculty (note: Program-specific requirements above come to 28 in total)
- Graduate School Rule: 30 dissertation credit hours

First Year

Required:

- **Two** classes in Graduate Statistics, via a two-course sequence:
 - General Statistics 1 (PSYC 5741) – 4 credits, Fall Semester
 - General Statistics 2 (PSYC 5751) – 4 credits, Spring Semester
- Research Methods Proseminar (PSYC 5685) – 3 credits, Fall Semester
- **Two** additional 2-credit Proseminars, in Fall and/or Spring semesters
 - You must take **both** Cognitive prosems that are offered during the academic year
 - The prosems on offer will be drawn from the following list:
 - Perception and Attention (PSYC 5665) – 2 credits
 - Memory (PSYC 5695) – 2 credits
 - Language (PSYC 5815) – 2 credits
 - Higher-Level Cognition (PSYC 5835) – 2 credits
- Cognitive Psychology Research Update (PSYC 6605) – 1 credit, but does NOT count toward 30 credit requirement of Graduate School because it is pass/fail rather than letter-graded

Second Year

Required:

- **Two** 2-credit Proseminars, spread across Fall and Spring semesters
 - You must take **both** Cognitive prosems that are offered during the academic year
 - The prosems on offer will be drawn from the list above (under First Year) and they will be *different from the topics that were offered the previous year*.
 - By the end of the second year, you will have completed all four 2-credit prosems
- Cognitive Psychology Research Update (PSYC 6605) – 1 credit (does not count for “grad school 30”)

Recommended:

- One or 2 “Special Topics” graduate seminars (PSYC 5541 or 7215) offered by *Cog Program Faculty*

Third Year and Beyond

Required:

- Cognitive Psychology Research Update (PSYC 6605) – both Fall *and* Spring, *every year*
- Complete a total of *three* Cog Program “Special Topics” seminars (PSYC 5541 or 7215).

Notes: 1) We encourage you to take as many “Special Topics” cognitive seminars or graduate classes *outside of our Program and Department* as you feel you need to broaden your knowledge and research skills. 2) To reach the 30 credits required by the grad school for master’s graduation, you can consider “independent study” credits. These credits may not overlap with dissertation credits and must be approved by your advisor. Consult the Cognitive PD and Graduate Program Professional.