

CU Boulder Cognitive Psychology/Neuroscience Graduate Program

Quick Reference Guide to Deadlines & Milestones

Every Year:

- Education Plan & Progress Report to be filled out by last day of classes of Spring semester
- Faculty will provide evaluation letters by end of May of every year

First Year:

- Talk at Ekstrand, end of Spring semester of 1st year
 - Talk should report your research design and data if you have some
- 1st year project write-up, due end of September of 2nd year

Second Year:

- 1st year project write-up due end of September of 2nd year
- Masters Proposal submitted and approved by end of Fall semester of 2nd year
- Talk at Ekstrand, end of Spring semester of 2nd year
 - by now, you should have data to report
- Written draft of Intro, Methods, and Preliminary Results for Master's submitted to committee 2 weeks after Ekstrand of 2nd year

Third Year:

- Master's Thesis Defended by end of September of 3rd year
 - Note: you do not need to have completed 30 grad course credits by this date to satisfy program requirements, but CU Graduate School requires 30 credits for you to graduate
- Complete 30 hours of letter-graded graduate school classes (end of 3rd year recommended)
- Comps Proposal submitted and approved by end of Fall semester of 3rd year*
- Comps defended by end of Spring semester of 3rd year*

Fourth Year:

- Dissertation proposed and approved by end of September of 4th year*

Fifth Year:

- Dissertation defended by end of Spring semester of 5th year*

***unless you're doing a joint degree (e.g., Neuroscience, ICS) which entails an extra year of coursework. If so, Comps Proposal/Defense, and Dissertation Proposal/Defense all get pushed back 1 full year.**