

Developmental / Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Dual Specialization

Course Requirements*

1: DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS: Students in the Dual Specialization for Developmental Psychology/Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience programs must complete all Departmental requirements for the Ph.D. degree. Please see the Departmental requirements.

2: Degree requirements: Typically, students complete the requirements for the Master's degree in 2 years. Post-masters work consists principally of research, elected coursework relevant to the individual's research interests, qualifying examination and doctoral dissertation.

Core Curriculum:

- Two of the following DEP courses (6 credits total):
 - DEP 6057 (3 Credits): Developmental Psychology I (Infancy and Childhood)
 - DEP 6058 (3 Credits): Developmental Psychology II (Adolescence)
 - DEP 6406 (3 Credits): Adulthood and Aging
 - DEP 6799 (3 credits): Methods in Developmental Psychology
- Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience I PSB 6087; 3 credits
- Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience II PSB 6088; 3 credits
- One additional 6000-level course in DEP or BCN; 3 credits, selected in consultation with the supervisory committee (e.g., Funct Neuroanatomy, Social Dev; Aging; Dev Cog Neuroscience, Dev Neuro Stress; Cog Dev, or other content-focused course)
- Statistics I CLP 6527 (or suitable alternative such as STA 6166) 3 credits
- Statistics II CLP 6528 (or suitable alternative such as STA 6167) 3 credits
- Participation in weekly Developmental Colloquium OR Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Brown bag meetings is required throughout graduate training. (Minimum 2-3 years in each area)

Department Requirements:

- Seminar on Psychological Science (required during first year of study)
- Elective courses (Option A or B: 9 credits outside of the specialty)

Research:

- Individual Work (PSY 6905)
- Supervised Research (PSY 6910)
- Research for Master's Thesis (PSY 6971)
- Advanced Research (PSY 7979)
- Research for the Doctoral Dissertation (PSY 7980)

Other Degree Requirements:

- Master's thesis defense

- Qualifying examination
- Supervised teaching (one 3-credit undergraduate course)
- Doctoral dissertation defense

Thesis Committee Membership for Dual Students

- Chair and Co-Chair, one each from DEV/BCN (the Chair and co-chair cannot have primary appointments in the same area (e.g., both primary in DEV) if faculty are members of both DEV and BCN areas)
- 2 members, one from each DEV/BCN
- PhD level: 1 additional member outside of the Psychology Department

*course requirements apply to students declaring the dual specialization May 2024 or later

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