

DEVELOPMENTAL AREA GRADUATE PROGRAM

CORE CURRICULUM (Years 1-3):

Students should complete a minimum of 2 of the following 3 Core Developmental Courses. Each of these courses (6057; 6058; 6406) include: 1) Theories and Methods, 2) Physical and Biological Development, 3) Social Development, and 4) Cognitive Development.

DEP 6057 (3 Credits): Developmental Psychology I (infancy and childhood)

DEP 6058 (3 Credits): Developmental Psychology II (adolescence and emerging adulthood)

DEP 6406 (3 Credits): Adulthood and Aging

In addition to 2 of the above 3 courses, Developmental students are required to take 1 additional Developmental Content Course. This course can be the third course in the above sequence, or another DEP 6000-level course taught by a core Developmental Faculty Member.

Dual Developmental/Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience students are required to take 2 of the 3 core Developmental courses above as well as PSB 6087 and PSB 6088.

METHODS COURSE (1 Course):

DEP 6799 (3 credits): Methods in Developmental Psychology

A Methods in Developmental Psychology course will be offered every 2-3 years and students are required to take this course once.

BROWNBAG:

DEP 6059 (1-3 Credits): Research Colloquium in Developmental Psychology.

All students must register for **1 credit** and attend for first period each week unless they have an advisor approved reason for not attending. **All** students (registered or not) should plan to present in Brownbag at least once, and preferably twice, a year. Talks given in Brownbag can be listed on your CV as an invited seminar and they are useful for practicing master's/dissertation proposals/defenses, conference posters/talks, job talks., etc.

Students interested in additional professional development (typically students preparing for the job market) can register for **3 credits** and work with the instructor for that semester on their professional development goals.

STATISTICS (2 courses):

*CLP 6527 Measurement Research Design and Statistics I – 3 credits

*CLP 6528 Measurement Research Design and Statistics II – 3 credits

*additional departmentally-approved statistics sequences may be substituted in consultation with the faculty mentor and Graduate Coordinator of the Department

Department Requirements for Breadth (see Department Handbook for details)

First Year Seminar in Psychological Science (SPS)

Elective courses: 9 credits in psychology outside Developmental (taught by a faculty member whose primary area appointment is not developmental) or 9 credits in any department.

TEACHING

Serve as the Instructor of Record for an undergraduate course (most often PSY2012) once during their time in the program.

RESEARCH CREDITS:

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

TYPICAL PROGRAM PLAN

Year 1

- Begin a research project with advisor
- Take required coursework (1-2 Core Developmental or Methods Course)
- Complete Statistics Course Requirement
- Take weekly Developmental Research Colloquium (Brownbag) for credit
- Participate in Seminar on Psychological Science (SPS)

- Develop a Master's thesis proposal
- Give at least one lecture or presentation in Brownbag

Year 2

- Continue required coursework (finish Core Development or Methods coursework)
- Take weekly Developmental Research Colloquium (Brownbag) for credit
- Submit Year 1 research for publication
- Complete and defend master's research project
- Give at least one lecture or presentation in Brownbag
- Present at a National/International conference

Year 3

- Finish required coursework by end of Year 3
- Complete Qualifying Exam (involves a written component and an oral evaluation)
- Take weekly Developmental Research Colloquium (Brownbag) for credit
- Submit Master's thesis research for publication
- Conduct research for next publication submission
- Give at least one lecture or presentation in Brownbag
- Present at a National/International conference

Year 4

- Continue research and writing for publication
- Submit Master's thesis and/or Qualifying Exam paper for publication
- Attend weekly Developmental Research Colloquium (Brownbag)
- Develop Dissertation Proposal
- Teach one course: Introductory Psychology or Developmental Psychology
- Give at least one lecture or presentation in Brownbag
- Present at a National/International conference

Year 5

- Complete Dissertation
- Attend weekly Developmental Research Colloquium (Brownbag)
- Continue writing for publication (e.g., one or two papers included in the Dissertation thesis)
- Give at least one lecture or presentation in Brownbag
- Present at a National/International conference
- Conduct job search (applications, job talk, interviews)