Seminar in Psychological Science

Making it Through the Rules and Regulations
SPS Format

• Seminar on Psychological Science
  • Fall & Spring Semesters
  • Weekly attendance
    • May miss 2 sessions per semester
    • > 2 missed sessions, must repeat that semester in the next academic year
• Logistics: Grad Student “point person”
  • Pick up equipment, nametags, and sign-in sheet
  • Return equipment, etc.
  • See handout for details
Know the rules

The Graduate Catalog states that "It is the responsibility of the graduate student to become informed and to observe all regulations and procedures required by the program the student is pursuing...Ignorance of a rule does not constitute a basis for waiving that rule." Thus a regulation will never be waived nor an exception granted because of ignorance of the regulation.

Students may petition the Graduate Studies Committee, through their advisors, to postpone or waive any departmental regulation believed to hinder their progress. In general, however, such deviations are discouraged.

• http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/
• http://www.psych.ufl.edu/grad/degree-requirements/
Your degree

Masters → Quals → PhD
Master’s

- Master’s Supervisory Committee
  - Before end of first year, or before you have 12 credits
    - Mentor as chair
    - 1 other psych faculty, inside area
    - 1 other faculty member *either*
      - Inside psych but outside area *or*
      - Outside department
    - At least 1 member must be full time in psychology
    - Membership must be approved by area director and advisor
    - Changes must be approved by area director and advisor
Master’s

• If you already have one from prior institution
  • Establish master’s supervisory committee immediately
  • Master’s supervisory committee determines whether prior thesis meets UF/dept standards
    • If so, they must sign a letter affirming this
  • Get courses you took credited to your Ph.D.
    • Max 30 credits transferred as block
    • Get credits for specific UF Psych required courses—you still need to fulfill area requirements
    • Need to provide prior syllabus and related materials to UF instructor of course
More on Master’s
Must demonstrate research competency

- **Master’s with Thesis**
  - Research proposal
  - Psy6971
    - 3 in semester of defense or graduation
  - Psych graduate classes 6 credits
  - Stats 6 credits
  - Area Requirements
  - Thesis completed

- **Master’s Equivalency**
  - Work for equivalency must be considered by Ph.D. committee
  - Document must be submitted to the supervisory committee—not to graduate school
On to Ph.D.

- PhD committee
  - Chair (mentor)
  - Inside area member
  - Inside department, outside-area member
  - External member: Outside of Psychology
- Qualifying exam
  - Written and oral exam (areas differ) → Ph.D candidacy
- Doctoral proposal
- Doctoral dissertation
- Psy7980 (3 in final semester)
The Doctoral Program: Seminar Participation

• Seminar on Psychological Science
  • Taken in 1st Year, serves Two functions
    • Provide professional development, information on dept, and build a “cohort” that you can go to with questions, etc.
    • Conceptualized as contributing to “breadth”

• See prior slide on structure
Breadth or Core Knowledge

• Students must demonstrate core knowledge within, and outside, the specialized area of study by completing appropriate coursework, teaching, and seminar participation.
The Doctoral Program: Coursework & Teaching

**OPTION A**
- Seminar in Teaching of Psychology
- 9 graduate credit hours
  - Within psych department but out of area
  - 3 different training areas
- Instructor of one undergraduate class

**OPTION B**
- Seminar in Teaching of Psychology
- 9 graduate credit hours
  - Within or outside psych department but out of area
- Instructor of PSY2012
  - Participate in “coordinated program”
    - Meet with coordinator 2 hours per week during teaching semester (PSY 6940 if desired)
Areas and Dual Specialization

- Dual specialization: may develop a co-major with another training program in the department
  - Not counseling
  - Recommended that you do this in 1st year but still possible later
  - Instructions are vague—*intentionally*
Independent Study

- Psy6905 (Ind. Work)
  - Graded
  - Max 10 credit
- Psy6910 (Supervised Res.)
  - S/U
  - Max 5 credits
- Psy6971 (Masters thesis)
  - Minimum 6 credits and enrolled in final MS semester (3 cr)
- Psy7979 (Advanced Res.)
  - Post MS, no limit
- Psy7980 (Doctoral Diss.)
  - Must do 3 in semester of defense and final semester (if not the same) if fall or spring, 2 if summer
  - Only after quals
Good Standing

• Must get a grade > C+ in every class
  • See rules about “incomplete grades”
• Must be ethical
• Must stay enrolled in 2 semesters per year
  • Can request leave of absence
  • Readmitted under new catalog year
• Annual formal written feedback is provided by area director each spring
  ■ Start the process for Florida residency
SPS next week
Dr. Greg Webster
Social Psychology
Sept 1, 4:00-5:00pm
PSY 151 (tentative)