

Social Psychology: Degree Checklist		
Predocctoral Candidacy Requirements (Masters)	Date completed	Grade
Statistics for Psychology (6300)*		
Experimental Design (6302)*		
Psychological Theory: History and Systems (6301)*		
Three Foundations classes:*		
- Foundations of Social Psychology (6338)		
- Applied Psychological Measurement (6397)		
- Foundations Elective (e.g., Health Psychology (6397))		
Social Cognition (6378)*		
Social Psychology/Behavioral Medicine (6337)*		
History & Theory of Social Psychology (6389)*		
Social Psychology Methodology (6381)*		
2 of the following:		
- Research in Health Psychology (6394)		
- Personal relationships: Theory and research 6380)		
- Health Behavior (6394)		
Research Practica (12 hours – 4 classes; PSY 7392)		
Thesis Research (min. 6 hours) PSY6399 and PSY7399		
The student must propose, design, and implement an original research project to be conducted under the supervision of his/her advisor. The written proposal and final report of the project must be approved by a thesis committee constituted as described in the “Sequence for the Thesis” section of the Graduate Handbook.		
Ph.D Candicacy		
Doctoral Candidacy Requirements (27 hours) Successful completion of all formal M.A. degree requirements and completion of the comprehensives (examination or paper) are necessary before the student may be admitted into candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. Major area and minor area requirements, and the dissertation are required before the Ph.D. is granted. Due to varying availability of courses, major and minor area requirements may be fulfilled before and after doctoral candidacy. See below for requirements.		

Comprehensive Examination or Paper The student must complete one of two options to achieve doctoral candidacy: (1) The comprehensive examination is a written and oral examination covering the history, theory, and methods of contemporary social psychology, and is usually taken by the third year of study. The student must successfully complete this examination. (2) The comprehensive paper should provide a thorough, integrated, and critical review of the theoretical and empirical literature on an important social psychological problem of the students’ choice. The student will submit the paper to a committee and will participate in an oral defense of the paper. The committee should consist of a chair (one of the program faculty) and two other faculty members (at least one of whom should be outside of our program). Contact the program director for more detailed instructions regarding each comprehensive option.		
Major Area Requirements (9 hours) Can be taken before or after admission to candidacy. Professional development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development (6394) - Structural Equation Modeling (7305) - Elective 		
Minor Area Requirements (6 hours) The student is required to present to the Social Psychology faculty a written outline of a planned course of study in an area complementary to the area of specialization, but outside of the Social Program. The minor proposal should be submitted to the social psychology faculty during the fall term of the third year for those students entering the program with a Bachelor’s degree, and during the fall term of the second year for students entering the program with an M.A. degree. Coursework for the approved minor area of study must be completed prior to the final defense for the doctoral dissertation, but may be completed before or after admission to candidacy. See the program director for written models for the minor proposal.		
Dissertation (maximum of 12 hours) PSYC 8399, 8699, 8999 The doctoral dissertation must represent original research in the area of the student's choice. At least one member of the social psychology faculty will serve as chair and/or co-chair of the dissertation committee. Other criteria for composition of the committee are described in the “Sequence for the Doctoral Dissertation” section of this handbook.		

It is customary to be enrolled twelve (12) hours (for the fall and spring semesters) for the first two years and nine (9) hours beginning the third year. An asterisk (*) denotes required courses for changing from 12 to 9 hours (based on the Graduate Full-Time Status Policy, in Appendix A of the Graduate Handbook). **This checklist is for guidance and record-keeping only! Please read the Graduate Handbook carefully, and see your advisor, or department chair, with any questions.**