

Department of Psychology
Florida Atlantic University
Suggested Minimum Timetable for Ph.D. Students

Year 1, Semester 1

- Meet with Advisor to discuss Plan of Study.
- Identify courses to complete M.A./Ph.D. degree requirements.

Year 1, Semester 2

- Plan of Study approved by Graduate College.
- Meet with Advisor to discuss M.A. thesis prospectus.

Year 2, Semester 1

- Meet with Advisor to discuss M.A. thesis supervisory committee.
- M.A. thesis supervisory committee approved by Graduate College.
 - 3 members (minimum), at least half must be graduate faculty from the Department of Psychology.
 - Members who are not FAU faculty must be approved for graduate faculty status by Graduate Committee Chair and Graduate College. Advisor must forward curriculum vitae of candidate to Graduate Committee Chair.
 - Members who are FAU faculty in departments other than psychology must be approved for graduate faculty status by vote of the Department of Psychology. Advisor must forward curriculum vitae of candidate to Department Chair.
- Eligible students may volunteer to teach a section of undergraduate statistics lab and/or a recitation section of undergraduate research methods.

Year 2, Semester 2

- Written M.A. thesis prospectus approved by full supervisory committee.

Year 3, Semester 1

- File application for M.A. degree with Graduate College.
 - Must be filed same semester as degree will be received.
- Complete coursework for M.A. degree.
- M.A. thesis approved by full supervisory committee at a meeting attended by all committee members.
- Identify comprehensive exam committee.
 - 3 graduate faculty members from Department of Psychology.
- Eligible students with M.A. degree may volunteer to teach psychology courses.

Year 3, Semester 2

- Pass comprehensive exams.
 - 3 members (minimum), including advisor. At least 3 members must be graduate faculty from the Department of Psychology.
 - Requires unanimous vote of comprehensive exam committee members.
- Meet with Advisor to discuss Ph.D. dissertation supervisory committee.
- Ph.D. dissertation supervisory committee approved by Graduate College.
 - 5 members (minimum), at least half must be graduate faculty from the Department of Psychology.
 - 1 member must be from outside of the Department of Psychology.
 - Outside members who are not FAU faculty must be approved for graduate faculty status by Graduate Committee Chair and Graduate College. Advisor must forward curriculum vitae of candidate to Graduate Committee Chair.
 - Outside department members who are FAU faculty must be approved for graduate faculty status by vote of Department of Psychology. Advisor must forward curriculum vitae of candidate to Department Chair.
- Admission to Candidacy approved by Graduate College.

Year 4, Semester 1

- Complete coursework for Ph.D. degree.
- Meet with Advisor to discuss Ph.D. dissertation prospectus.

Year 4, Semester 2

- Written Ph.D. dissertation prospectus approved by full supervisory committee.

Year 5, Semester 1

- Meet with Advisor to review dissertation research.
- Begin job search.

Year 5, Semester 2

- File application for Ph.D. degree with Graduate College
 - Must be filed same semester as degree will be received.
- Ph.D. dissertation approved by full supervisory committee at a meeting attended by all committee members.
- Deliver publicly announced lecture summarizing Ph.D. dissertation research.

This timetable is advisory only. All requirements for the Ph.D. degree are specified in the FAU catalog, which is the final word on all questions about degree requirements. This is a minimum timetable – students are encouraged to work at a faster pace.