

PhD Program Guidelines

Timeline:

Students with a Masters degree	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
Course Work	2 courses	3 courses	2 courses					
Thesis Related Work	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Proseminar	Prosem I							
Brown Bags		Prosem II	x*	x		x		
Dissertation Meeting			x	x	x	x	x	x
Prelim				x				
Proposal Defense					x			
TA/RA	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Students with a BA/BS degree	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8	Semester 9	Semester 10
Course Work	2 courses	3 courses	3 courses	3 courses	3 courses					
Thesis Related Work	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Proseminar	Prosem I									
Brown Bags		Prosem II	x*	x		x				
Dissertation Meeting				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Prelim						x				
Major Paper Submission				x						
Proposal Defense						x				
TA/RA	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

* 1st year students will present

Courseload:

- Students with an MA degree (YÖK approved MA degree) take 7 courses + proseminar + thesis courses (PSYC 695)
- Students with a BA degree take 14 courses.
- The below courses are sample templates for PhD students. Deviations from the template are to be approved/decided by the student’s supervisor (and the Graduate Program Coordinators) regarding the course load based on the student’s background and research plan in the PhD program.
- Coursework has to be completed within:
 - With MA degree - 4 semesters
 - Without MA degree - 6 semesters
 - For all exceptions (like exchange students etc.) should be approved by the advisory committee

Sample Templates per Track	Courses
Developmental Psychology	PSYC 501 Research Methods 1 PSYC 502 Research Methods 2 PSYC 505 Culture &Self or PSYC 432 Culture& Behavior PSYC 521 Cognitive Development PSYC 524 Social Development PSYC 525 Applied Developmental Psychology PSYC 551 Selected Topics: Situated Cognition PSYC 556 Advanced Topics in Methods and Measurement PSYC 614 Language and Thought Interfaces
Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 501 Research Methods 1 PSYC 502 Research Methods 2 PSYC 505 Culture &Self or PSYC 432 Culture& Behavior PSYC 511 Cognitive Neuroscience PSYC 515 Neural Basis of Memory PSYC 527 Conditioning and Learning PSYC 551 Selected Topics: Situated Cognition PSYC 556 Advanced Topics in Methods and Measurement PSYC 614 Language and Thought Interfaces
Social and Organizational Psychology	PSYC 501 Research Methods 1 PSYC 502 Research Methods 2 PSYC 505 Culture &Self or PSYC 432 Culture& Behavior PSYC 517 Advanced Industrial and Organizational Psychology PSYC 520 Attitudes, Persuasion and Social Influence PSYC 542 Advanced Social Psychology PSYC 551 Selected Topics: Situated Cognition PSYC 556 Advanced Topics in Methods and Measurement

- The graduates of our PhD program must have demonstrated some experience in data collection. This empirical undertaking is part of the prelim. A report should be provided by the student to be approved by the preliminary exam committee (each reader evaluates this report as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) - see prelim regulations for details.

Proseminars:

- In the first semester faculty members will present their work in the form of proseminars. Attendance to these presentations is mandatory for the first year students. Attendance will be taken and presenters can give assignments. Missing more than one proseminar meetings (without medical excuse) will result in a grade of Unsatisfactory and the student will need to take the course again. In the second semester, 3rd and 4th year PhD students will present their recent research in the format of a Brown Bag presentation. Attendance is again required. Each PhD student should give at least 3 Brown Bag/Proseminar presentations.

Student's Progress Evaluation:

- The student's performance is monitored at the end of the second semester (no later than the beginning of the third semester). This can take a number of alternative forms; e.g., presentations in the proseminars, talks and/or conferences, meeting with the advisor, committee.
- The student should also provide a progress report at the end of each year (that includes the research related activities, classes). Graduate coordinators will provide the form. Student will receive an evaluation letter from graduate coordinators with feedback from advisor and the department.

Major paper:

- Students with a BA degree only and students with a non-thesis MA degree will complete a "major paper" by the end of their 4th semester.

These students are expected to draft and conduct an empirical research that is related to their upcoming doctoral work latest by the end of their second academic year (4th semester). The PhD candidate will be fully responsible for conceptualizing research question that will contribute to the literature and will be primarily responsible for designing the empirical study under the guidance of the PhD supervisor and the PhD Monitoring Committee. The student should turn in a paper to be evaluated by the advisory board and present the research during the Brown Bag seminars.

- Student's advisor is responsible for the formation of the PhD Monitoring Committee and supervising the progress of the major paper.
- PhD Monitoring Committee members shall meet on regular basis to monitor the progress of the doctoral project (every 6 months) starting within the 3rd semester for the students with MA degrees and 4th semester for the students with BA degrees. PhD Monitoring Committee consists of the advisor and 2 other faculty members (one member should be outside the department). PhD Thesis Committee consists of 2 additional members to the PhD Monitoring Committee (in total 5 people, 2 of them are outside the university). If the student has co-advisors, then PhD Monitoring Committee consists of 5 members and PhD Thesis Committee consists of 7 members.

Preliminary Exam Process is described in a separate document.

Dissertation Proposal:

- The dissertation proposal should present the research program and the written proposal should be approved. The proposal should be presented within 3 months following the prelim exams. During the proposal defense, the tentative introduction of the final dissertation and the planned studies will be presented. If there are any completed studies related to the proposal, they should be made a part of the proposal defense. Guidelines for the proposal are provided in a separate document.

Dissertation Procedure:

- Students will choose between **two options** for a dissertation:

1. Three papers.

- At least two of three papers have to be empirical articles
 - One of the papers can be a book chapter or a review article
 - Student has to be the first author in at least two of these three papers
- The journal articles (at least two) are expected to be published in international peer-reviewed journals (ISI). By the time of dissertation defense, one of these articles with the student as the first author must be accepted for publication (could also be under “pending minor revision”).
 - Three papers should be compiled into a single document (by reformatting the copy edited papers in a single form). An introduction and a discussion should be written. The first chapter should be the introduction and the last chapter should be the discussion of the dissertation.

2. A typical dissertation (monograph) with a commensurate workload to the second option

The whole dissertation should be written in English.