

PROGRESS MONITOR

Psychology MA Program
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This progress monitor is designed to help Psych MA students keep track of courses required for graduation. Please refer to this when planning for classes, comprehensive exams, and thesis options. Please email Dr. D’Ateno if you have any questions.

Name: _____

Semester/ Year you started the program: _____

Expected/ Planned Semester/ Year for graduation: _____

Please note that Queens College requires you complete the MA program within 4 years.

There are **three routes** you may take to complete the program: Comprehensive Exam with 36 credits, Empirical Thesis with 30 credits (NO Comprehensive Exam), or Critical Analysis Literature Review Paper with 30 credits AND the Comprehensive Exam

Psych MA Requirements (Comprehensive Exams)	Psych MA Requirements (Empirical Master’s Thesis)
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Required Courses: Students are required to take History of Psychology (PSYCH 700), Advanced Experimental Psychology (PSYCH 701), and Statistical Methods in Psychology (PSYCH 705). Please be aware that these courses are usually offered only once during each academic year (e.g., only during the Fall or Spring semesters). So, please plan your schedule carefully to make sure you take these courses when they are offered.

Elective Courses: Students complete the remaining credit hours through elective courses. Students can choose electives that are ANY graduate level course in psychology and must include at least one course from both the Group A and Group B class course listings below. The remaining electives can include more courses from either of these lists, or any of the graduate (700 level) psychology courses you see on CUNYFIRST. Students are allowed to take graduate courses at other CUNY campuses via E-Permit and with departmental permission. More information

about the E-Permit can be found on the Queens College website, the Psychology Department website and the CUNY website <https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/registrar/resources/ePermit/>

Capstone Experiences: Students have two options available to them to serve as capstone experiences, a comprehensive examination or an empirical master's thesis. Each of these demonstrates the success of the student in the program. The first method is passing a comprehensive examination designed and approved by the MA advisory Committee. This examination covers subject matter derived from the three required master's courses and is required of all students that do not complete an empirical master's thesis. Students who complete an empirical master's thesis do not take the comprehensive examination.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

The examinations are offered two times per year in May and December. An email with a link for registration will be sent through the PSYCH MA listserv approximately one month prior to the examination date. Students will be provided with review guides for the examination. Comprehensive exams should be scheduled once a student has completed their core general master's courses: History of Psychology, Advanced Experimental Psychology, and Statistical Methods in Psychology.

The examination is comprised of three components, one for each of the core courses. Students must score a passing grade on all three components. Each component is, however, scored independently of the others. So, if a student does not pass all three components, they may retake only the component that was not passed. Remember that the exams are only administered once each semester, so do not wait until the end of your last semester to take them.

EMPIRICAL THESIS ROUTE

Students are eligible to complete an empirical thesis in lieu of 6 course credits if their GPA is a 3.5 or higher in the first 12 credits earned in the program (or cumulatively up to the semester they decide to graduate). An empirical thesis involves the student working under the guidance of a faculty advisor to design and conduct a research study. Additionally, the student will write a formal APA-style manuscript and give an oral presentation about their thesis. Students will need to reach out to a faculty member whose research they are interested in and whose lab they would like to work in prior to the start of the beginning of their thesis. Under the guidance of their faculty advisor, students will submit a proposal describing their thesis topic to the Director of the Psych MA program.

Please note: Students completing an empirical thesis are exempt from the comprehensive examination requirements. Please coordinate with the MA Director in the year in which you are conducting your thesis research, well in advance of your last semester, to confirm.

CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE PAPER ROUTE

Students are eligible to complete a critical review of the literature paper in lieu of 6 course credits if their GPA is a 3.5 or higher in the first 12 credits earned in the program (or cumulatively up to the semester they decide to graduate). There are many forms of a literature review paper that differ in goals, structure and methodology. The specific type of literature review paper you write will be determined by you and your faculty advisor for the project. Papers may be a focused summary of evidence to address a question or make an argument about an issue. Papers might also be a descriptive analysis of current evidence about a topic or identify gaps in current evidence on a topic. Students must reach out to a faculty member to serve as an advisor for your paper. Under the guidance of their faculty advisor, students will submit a proposal describing their critical analysis of the literature review topic to the Director of the Psych MA program.

COURSEWORK AND ELECTIVES

Note: Please note that most courses are offered once each year. Therefore, you should plan your course sequence carefully so that you are able to complete your academic program in a timely fashion. You do not want to find yourself in a situation in which you must stay an extra semester or two because courses you need are not offered during that semester.

1. Required Courses (10 Credits)

Course	Date Projected	Date Completed	Course Name
PSYCH 700			History of Psychology
PSYCH 701			Advanced Experimental Psych I
PSYCH 705			Statistical Methods

2. Group A and B Courses (6 Credits): Students are required to **take at least ONE** course from both groups. Which of the following courses have you completed? (**X if completed, blank otherwise**) :

GROUP A COURSES	
PSYCH 709.01, 709.2, 709.3, 709.4 Basic Neuroscience courses (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 708.04 Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSYCH 730 Learning (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 735 Perception (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 738 Cognition (3 Credits)	

GROUP B COURSES	
PSYCH 720 Developmental (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 72005 Autism Treatment	
PSYCH 740 Personality (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 755 Psychopathology (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 760 Psychometrics (3 Credits)	
PSYCH 72003 Behavior Interventions in Developmental Disabilities	
PSYCH 72004 Behavior Analysis of Child Development	
PSYCH 754 Organizational Behavior Management	

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3. Remaining Elective Courses: With Comprehensive Exam (20 Credits) or With Thesis (14 Credits)

General Psychology Electives	
PSYCH 740 Personality (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 7711 & 7713 Ethical Issues in Psychology	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 746 Social Psychology (3 credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 760 Psychometrics (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___

Clinical Psychology Electives	
PSYCH 720 Developmental (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 755 Psychopathology (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 756 Clinical Psychopharmacology (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 740 Personality	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 791 Seminar in Selected Topics in Psychology (topics vary)	Course Completed: ___

Applied Behavior Analysis Electives	
PSYCH 72001, 72002 Developmental Disabilities (Functional Assessment and Verbal Behavior) (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
Psych 72003 Behavioral Intervention in Developmental Disabilities (3 credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 72004 Behavioral Analysis of Child Development (3 credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 72005 Autism (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 730 Learning (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 754 Organizational Behavior Management	Course Completed: ___

Behavioral Neuroscience Electives	
PSYCH 709.1 Basic Neuroscience: Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience (3 credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 709.2 Basic Neuroscience: Systems Neuroscience (3 credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 708.04 Behavioral Neuroscience	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 735 Perception (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___
PSYCH 738 Cognition (3 Credits)	Course Completed: ___

<p>Various Topics Courses (specific topics vary each semester) All are Psych 7913 You may take this course number multiple times as long as the course topic differs</p>	
Psychology of Women	Course Completed: ____
Psychology and the Law	Course Completed: ____
Psychology of Sports and Exercise	Course Completed: ____
Psychology of Addiction	Course Completed: ____
Intro to Clinical Psychology	Course Completed: ____
Others may be offered	