

# Getting through the Cognitive Neuroscience Program

## Year 1:

- Form D1 committee and submit D1 form (do this immediately, in consultation with advisor).
- Form Masters project committee (3 members). This can be a subset of the D1 committee. See in-house Psychology Masters forms here:  
<https://psychology.fiu.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/graduate-resources/index.html>
- Begin Statistics sequence (Stats 1 and 2 in Fall and Spring).
- Take additional content/elective courses (6 credits in each of Fall and Spring). Enroll in Topics in Neuroscience.
- Take 6 research credits in summer. Continue for all summers.
- Begin proposal for Masters project. Ideally defend the proposal by the end of the first year.

## Year 2:

- Finish statistics sequence (take Multivariate in Fall).
- Defend Masters Project by end of Year 2.
- Continue to complete course requirements.

## Year 3:

- Work on and defend qualifying paper. Submit D2 form once coursework is complete, and once quals are complete. Once submitted, begin enrolling in 3 credits of PSY 7981 Ph.D. Dissertation each semester until you graduate. Plan to graduate within 5 semesters of submitting the D2.
- Complete and defend dissertation proposal. Submit D3 form. Must leave at least 3 semesters between submission of D3 and graduation.
- Ideally D2 and D3 are done in the same semester or close to it.

## Year 4:

- Complete dissertation.
- Submit D5 form and defend dissertation.

### Summary of Graduate School Forms

Form D1 –Appointment of Dissertation Committee. To be submitted at the time your committee is formed but no later than 4 semesters before the anticipated graduation term.

Form D2 –Program for Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy. To be submitted after finishing coursework, as soon as results of candidacy examination's results are available and BEFORE registering for dissertations credits.

Form D3 –Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Attach a copy of proposal not to exceed five pages and submit no later than 3 semesters before the anticipated graduation term.

Form D5 –Preliminary Approval of Dissertation and Request for Oral Defense MUST be submitted to the University Graduate School 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE DEFENSE or by the deadline whichever date is the earlier. Attach a copy of the dissertation with the D5 and email the announcement in Word format to [ugs@fiu.edu](mailto:ugs@fiu.edu).

Final ETD Approval: Signed form in original ink with required documentation.