

**Department of Psychological Science
Research Timeline for Masters Students**

Date	Masters Thesis	Other Independent Research Projects
Year 1: Fall Semester	<p>Learn about faculty research interests by reading faculty websites, talking to your instructors, and meeting faculty at departmental functions.</p> <p>Become involved in research as a GA or consider volunteering to work on a project that is not part of your assistantship.</p>	<p>Learn about faculty research interests by reading faculty websites, talking to your instructors, and meeting faculty at departmental functions.</p> <p>Become involved in research as a GA or consider volunteering to work on a project that is not part of your assistantship.</p>
Early Spring Semester	<p>Narrow down thesis topics. Begin formulating possible research questions. Begin literature search. Begin discussing ideas with faculty who could be your thesis chairperson.</p>	<p>Narrow down research topics. Begin formulating possible research questions. Begin literature search. Begin discussing ideas with faculty who could be your research advisor.</p>
April	<p>Decide on thesis topic. Choose a chairperson and create a timeline with that person.</p>	<p>Decide on research topic. Choose an advisor and create a timeline with that person.</p>
Summer	<p>Formalize your research question(s).</p> <p>Work with chair to select committee members.</p> <p>Develop method to address research question(s).</p> <p>Create outline for proposal (introduction and method sections).</p> <p>Write draft of proposal.</p>	<p>Formalize your research question(s).</p> <p>Develop method to address research question(s).</p> <p>Create outline of introduction and method sections.</p> <p>Write a draft of your introduction and method sections.</p> <p>Discuss with advisor whether to register for RES 697 or PSYSC 698 for fall.</p>

<p>2nd year: Fall</p>	<p>Finish revising proposal.</p> <p>Distribute proposal to committee.</p> <p>Prepare for and hold proposal meeting.</p> <p>Register for THES 698 after successful proposal meeting.</p> <p>Submit proposal to IRB.</p> <p>Submit proposal form to the Graduate School.</p> <p>Prepare stimuli and materials.</p> <p>Consider finding research assistant(s).</p> <p>Begin collecting data.</p> <p>Revise proposal according to committee feedback.</p>	<p>Finish revising introduction and method sections.</p> <p>Get advisor's approval to collect data.</p> <p>Submit proposal to IRB.</p> <p>Prepare stimuli and materials.</p> <p>Consider finding research assistant(s).</p> <p>Begin collecting data.</p>
<p>Spring</p>	<p>Finish collecting data; analyze data.</p> <p>Write results, discussion, abstract, and finish revising paper.</p> <p>Prepare for and schedule defense meeting.</p> <p>Make final revisions and submit thesis to the Graduate School by early April.</p>	<p>Finish collecting data; analyze data.</p> <p>Write results, discussion, abstract, and finish revising paper.</p> <p>Make final revisions and submit paper to the Graduate School (RES 697) or to advisor by early April.</p>