

Sample Curriculum Path – Research Only

This path is to be used as a framework for planning your progression through your doctoral training. This provides as sample of the typical sequence through the program.

Milestones are in red

Non-credit bearing courses and activities are in green

Research-only HPCS students take six elective courses based on their own intellectual interests. Electives can be offered through the Graduate Center's Psychology PhD program or other programs (e.g., Sociology, Educational Psychology) or through the PhD Psychology courses offered by the GC's consortial partners (NYU, Columbia, Fordham, New School, and more). The electives before are simply suggestions.

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
1 st year	75500 Psychopathology I 85300 Health Psychology 70500 Statistical Methods in Psychology I 70310 Research Methods and Design 80000 Seminar in Current Psychological Research	83900 Therapeutic Interventions I 83502 Psychosocial Determinants of Health Disparities 70600 Statistical Methods in Psychology II 72000 Developmental/Lifespan Bases Requirement 70330 Research Practicum
2 nd year	82700 Assessment I: Intellectual & Cognitive Functioning 70000 History of Psychology 71103 Cognitive & Affective Bases of Behavior Requirement 74000 Personality & Individual Differences Elective: Qualitative Methods Seminar in Current Psychological Research	74600 Social Systems Bases Requirement 77100 Ethics/Legal Issues for Psychologists 75102 Biological Bases Requirement 76000 Psychometric Methods Elective: Hierarchical Linear Modeling Research Practicum First Doctoral Exam Deadline (Advance to Level II)
3 rd year	Elective: Special Topic: Close Relationships Elective: NYU: Sexual Decision-Making in Adolescence Seminar in Current Psychological Research	Elective: Special Topic: Stigma Elective: Grant Writing and Grant Management Seminar in Current Psychological Research
4 th year	Registered on Record Seminar in Current Psychological Research	Registered on Record Seminar in Current Psychological Research Second Doctoral Exam Deadline Submit Dissertation Topic Proposal (Advance to Level III)
5 th year	90000 Dissertation Research Seminar in Current Psychological Research Dissertation Proposal (defended by Oct. 1)	90000 Dissertation Research Seminar in Current Psychological Research Comprehensive Portfolio * Dissertation Defense

*The Comprehensive Portfolio can be submitted any time during your graduate training, until the Dissertation Defense. Courses may only be taken one time for credit. All HPCS students are encouraged to attend the "Foundations" seminars (Seminar in Current Psychological Research in the fall and Research Practicum in the Spring) every year.