

The Ph.D. is taken with special emphasis in one of the following programmatic areas: Brain, Behavior & Cognition (BBC); Clinical (C); Developmental Science (DS). Time allowed to complete the following requirements for the Ph.D. is seven years from the student's date of entry into the program. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have no more than two failing grades (lower than a B- or an incomplete grade older than 12 months) in order to complete the degree.

MILESTONES FOR COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH PROGRAM:

Brain, Behavior & Cognition

Course Requirements: 4 semesters (2 years)

Qualifying Examination: 6 semesters (3 years)

Thesis Prospectus: 8 semesters (4 years)

Thesis Defense: 12 semesters (6 years)

Developmental Science

Course Requirements: 6 semesters (3 years)

Qualifying Examination: 6 semesters (3 years)

Thesis Prospectus: 8 semesters (4 years) [may petition the Program Director for an extension of up to 2 semesters]

Thesis Defense: 12 semesters (6 years)

Clinical

Second Year Research Project (2 years)

Course Requirements (3 years)

Qualifying Examination/Profile (3 years)

Thesis Prospectus (4 years)

Internship (5 years)

Thesis Defense (6 years)

Please see the Graduate Student Handbook www.bu.edu/psych/graduate and the Clinical Student Handbook (<http://www.bu.edu/psych/graduate/clinical/>) for detailed information on the specific requirements for each program.