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, if admitted post-BA, and five years from date of entry into the program, if admitted post-MA for students in the BBC and DS programs. Students in the Clinical program are allowed seven years from their date of entry into the program to complete requirements if admitted post-BA or post-MA. 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)

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