

General course plan – with previous masters degree in the field

fall 1	spring 1	fall 2	spring 2	fall 3	spring 3	fall 4	spring 4
Y521 R690 R711	Y502 minor R695	Y611 minor R695	foundations minor R695	foundations minor R695	R795 (must generate viable proposal)	R799 R799 R799	R799

General course plan – with *no* previous masters degree in the field

fall 1	spring 1	fall 2	spring 2	fall 3	spring 3	fall 4	spring 4
R511 R521 R690	R561 R541 inquiry	R711 inquiry R695	inquiry minor R695	foundations minor R695	foundations minor R695	minor R795 (must generate viable proposal) R799	R799 R799 R799

This is a general plan. You should follow this plan unless you and your advisor agree that your circumstances warrant a variation.

R711 and R690 must be taken before starting your sequence of R695 seminars (students without a prior masters in the field may take R711 concurrently with the first R695 seminar).

Take the inquiry courses as early in your program as possible. If you expect to find them difficult, begin them right away. They won't get any easier, and if you have difficulties at the beginning, this leaves you some time to regroup and try again.

If you want to speed up your plan, consider taking inquiry and/or minor courses in the summers. If it works with your program, you are allowed to take one distance course during your program of studies. Some people take an inquiry course or the P540 Learning and Cognition course online. These courses are usually offered online in the summer, which can help you with streamlining your program. *You cannot double up on the R695 doctoral seminars – those must be taken consecutively as shown.*

We do not recommend taking more than 9 credits in the first two semesters until you have a feel for the workload and are sure you can handle more. Most people do not choose to take more than 9 credits in one term. Along the same lines, we recommend taking no more than 6 credits over the summer. We do expect you to study fulltime in the program – at least 6-8 credit hours per semester (excluding summer sessions) depending on your status (assistantship (minimum 6); fellowship and international (minimum 8)).

Each student in the doctoral program should investigate the research groups active in the department. By the second semester of study, doctoral students must affiliate with 2-3 research groups as junior members/observers. Descriptions of research groups are available on the department website. Make appointments with faculty members to discuss the process for affiliating with a research group.