

TIMELINE FOR APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

The following timetable reflects an ideal order of activities to prepare you for graduate school. If you are a senior, review the timetable, marking off everything you have completed. Next, make arrangements to complete as many of the remaining activities as soon as possible.

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE YEARS

- ___ Become familiar with the required course sequence for your major. Make a tentative outline of the courses you will need to take each semester.
- ___ Take required General Education courses and prerequisite psychology courses. (Science and math are always good choices)
- ___ Work hard to acquire (and then maintain) a high GPA.
- ___ Start attending events sponsored by the psychology department and get to know faculty.

END OF SOPHOMORE YEAR-SUMMER BEFORE JUNIOR YEAR

- ___ Try to finish all General Education requirements.
 - ___ Begin to do outside reading in psychology and related fields. This will help you decide on an interest area.
 - ___ Start a file in which you keep course syllabi, term papers, and a list of related activities in which you are involved. You can also file any information on graduate school you collect.
 - ___ Consider volunteer work or finding a job related to psychology or human services.
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JUNIOR YEAR

- Take upper division major classes.
 - Look for opportunities to gain research experience.
 - Join Psi Chi.
 - Gather information on graduate programs and their requirements.
 - Prepare and register for the Graduate Record Exam. Consider taking the General and Specialty exams on different dates.
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SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- Start deciding which graduate schools interest you.
 - Request application and financial aid forms.
 - Prepare a resume and notes for goal statements.
 - Visit campuses.
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FIRST SEMESTER SENIOR

- Determine what undergraduate requirements you still need to fulfill.
- Take the Graduate Record Exam in October or December.
- File financial aid forms.
- Ask professors for letters of recommendation at least three weeks before they are due. Allow extra time if a holiday falls within this time period.
- Request copies of your transcripts be sent to the graduate programs to which you are applying.

18 Hours of suggested Psychology Courses to Precede for Doctorate Degree

COURSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME	COURSE NUMBER
Learning or Cognitive Course	400
Statistics and Research Methods	226 & 227
Developmental	420
Abnormal or Personality	410 or 440
Social	430
Biological	460
History	584