**Cognitive Neuroscience: Program Requirements**

* [Admission criteria and procedures](https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/graduate-program/prospective-students)

*Tip:* Contact the [faculty member](https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/people/faculty) you are interested in working with so that both of you can find out if you are a good match.

* [Criteria for satisfactory progress](https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/sites/psycwww/files/uploaded_files/Graduate/Program%20Requirements/Criteria_for_Satisfactory_Progress.pdf)
* [Full psychology course list](https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/graduate-studies/programs-study/psychology/#coursestext)

The doctoral program in Cognitive Neuroscience may be completed in two years of study by students with a master's degree in psychology. Typically, however, students require more time to complete the doctoral program. The requirements for the program are:

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| **Year** | **Research Requirements** | **Required Courses** |
| PhD 1 | PhD Thesis Research: PSYC999* Proposal submitted
* Begin data collection
 | * Cognitive Neuroscience Research Pro-seminar: PSYC811,812,907 or 908
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| PhD 2 | PhD Thesis Research: PSYC999* Data collection
* [Comprehensive](https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/graduate/graduate-programs/cognitive-neuroscience/program-requirements/comprehensive-exam)  [exam](https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/graduate/graduate-programs/cognitive-neuroscience/program-requirements/comprehensive-exam)
 | * Cognitive Neuroscience Research Pro-seminar: PSYC811,812,907 or 908
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| PhD 3/4 | PhD Thesis Research: PSYC999* Finish data collection
* Oral thesis defense
* Submit thesis
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Graduate students in the Cognitive Neuroscience Program are encouraged to participate in the Cognitive Neuroscience Research Seminar even after completing PSYC811, PSYC812, PSYC907, and PSYC908 for as long as they are registered full time in the program.