### Degree Program Requirements

**Required: 71 credit hours**

**Core Courses and Electives (47 credits minimum, including credits acquired in the M.A.)**

Including core courses and electives taken to satisfy the M.A. requirements, students complete 18-30 credit hours in their area of concentration (cognitive, developmental, social or general experimental) and 18-30 credits outside their area of concentration. Of these credits, only 6 credits of independent study courses (PSY 601 Graduate Problems in Psychology) can be counted; at least an additional 3 credits of research tools courses beyond the M.A. statistics requirements must be taken; and at least four psychology seminars must be taken (from PSY 735C, PSY 735D, PSY 735I, PSY 735J, or PSY 735S).

**Research (24 credits minimum, including credits acquired in the M.A.)**

Including the thesis completed to satisfy the M.A. requirements, all students complete the following:

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* A minimum of 12 dissertation credits (PSY 799) are required.

**Required Milestones**

- Residency (Immersion)
- Plan of Study
- Research Competency
- Comprehensive Exam (Written & Oral)