

**Checklist of Course Requirements for Master's Candidacy**  
 Cognitive & Affective Neuroscience Research Interest Group  
 Department of Psychological Sciences  
 Rice University

**Note:** Students choose either the *Cognitive Track* or the *Affective/Health Track*

Grade	Semester	Core Courses (all required)
		PSYC 502 – Advanced Psychological Statistics I
		PSYC 503 – Advanced Psychological Statistics II
		PSYC 520 – Foundations of Cognitive Psychology
Grade	Semester	Weekly Research Seminar (Students must pick one of the following two and attend that seminar throughout their enrollment in the relevant track)
		PSYC 529 – Weekly Cognitive Research Seminar – every semester
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		(PSYC 529)
		PSYC 532 – Weekly Health Research Seminar – every semester
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Grade	Semester	Neuroscience Core Courses (2 required)
		PSYC 577 – Introduction to Functional Neuroanatomy
		PSYC 575/NEUR 501 – Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience: Attention and Perception
		PSYC 576/NEUR 502 – Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience: Higher Cognitive Functions
		PSYC 586/NEUR 503 – Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience: Social and Affective Neuroscience
Grade	Semester	Cognitive Track Core Courses (1 required)
		PSYC 524 – Memory
		PSYC 525 – Psycholinguistics
		PSYC 527 – Reasoning, Decision Making, Problem Solving
		PSYC 581 – Vision Science
Grade	Semester	Affective/Health Track Core Courses (1 required)
		PSYC 546 – Psychoneuroimmunology
		PSYC 547 – Foundations of Health Psychology
		PSYC 550 – Foundations of Social Psychology

**-or- Requirements for provisional admission to master's candidacy (thesis defense eligibility):**

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		PSYC 575/NEUR 501 – Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience: Attention and Perception
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Satisfactory (B- or higher) completion of these courses constitutes the only departmental requirement for admission to Master's candidacy. Students who are provisionally admitted to candidacy must complete any additional course requirements prior to degree conferral.