

**Milestones Agreement Form**  
**PhD Degree Program / Department of Psychology**

This form is provided for the purpose of informing students about the academic milestones that they will be expected to reach in order to earn their Ph.D. degree as well as when they are expected to complete these milestones. Advisors are expected to work with each student to customize the list of responsibilities included in the agreement. Students are expected to reach each milestone within the specified time period in order to make satisfactory progress through the program. Students who are not making satisfactory progress may lose funding, be placed on academic probation, or be dismissed from the program. If a student has ongoing concerns or grievances related to his or her Milestones Agreement, the student may obtain third party consideration of those concerns by following UT Arlington's policies and procedures regarding academic grievances as described in the **Graduate Catalog** (<http://grad.pci.uta.edu/about/catalog/current/> ).

Academic Advising

Upon entering the Department of Psychology PhD program, all students will be assigned an advisor. The advisor will be a member of the program department. The PhD program in the Department of Psychology has the following concentrations with their own advisors: **Psychological Sciences** which includes I/O Psychology (Dr. Jared Kenworthy) and **Health/Neuroscience** (Dr. Yuan B Peng).

Academic advising includes the following elements that are designed to ensure that students remain in good academic standing and make satisfactory progress through the program. Graduate Advisors, Supervising professors and graduate studies committees are responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that annual review (or more frequent reviews) between student and advisor and/or supervising committee occur. The results of this review will be included in the program's annual doctoral progress report.
- Provide information on program requirements, general advisement and information about choosing supervising professor.
- Providing suggestions on course selection
- Reviewing the student's Degree Plan to determine if the student is making progress consistent with the expectations of the program and reaching milestones according to the timeline provided on this form; working with the Doctoral Studies Committee and student to determine if modifications are necessary
- Clarifying the timetable for completing any remaining course requirements, examinations, and other requirements
- Providing the student with assistance in understanding the requirements for successful completion of dissertation
- Providing the student with assistance in assembling a dissertation committee
- Providing the student with experiences and information that will optimize the student's career opportunities and success

*Other program-specific elements include:*

