

**CURRICULUM SUBSEQUENT TO SECOND YEAR:  
Students entering Summer 2012 or after**

Summer	Autumn	Spring
<p><b>Dissertation Research</b></p> <p>BSGP 8999 +*(credit hours vary)</p> <p><b>Area of Interest or Elective Course**</b></p>	<p><b>Dissertation Research</b></p> <p>BSGP 8999 +*(credit hours vary)</p> <p><b>Area of Interest or Elective Course**</b></p>	<p><b>Dissertation Research</b></p> <p>BSGP 8999+*(credit hours vary)</p> <p><b>Area of Interest or Elective Course**</b></p> <p><b>*** BSGP Senior Seminar</b></p> <p>BSGP 7972 (1 credit hour)</p>

\*The number of dissertation credit hours is determined by each individual student's situation. This depends on: how many credit hours are necessary for full-time status (see below), how many credit hours are allowed for each term, and how many credit hours the student is registering for in other courses. **Students need to keep in mind that they will need at least 34 credit hours in BSGP 8999 and a total of 80 credits hours to graduate.**

+As noted in Appendix J of the BSGP Handbook, the written portion of the Candidacy Examination will be taken by the end of Autumn Semester of the third year for Ph.D. students, and by the beginning of year 4 for MSTP students. Registration for BSGP 8999 should reflect candidacy exam preparation during the semester the student completes the written portion of the exam.

**Students should register for at least three credits in the advisor's section of BSGP 8999 and one credit of BSGP 8999 for each member of the candidacy exam committee during the semester the student completes the written portion of the exam.**

Example: Mary Smith is Dr. Parvin's advisee with Committee Members: Dr. Jones, Dr. Gate, and Dr. Black. She will complete her candidacy exam this semester. Mary registers for at least 3 credits of BSGP 8999 in Dr. Parvin's section; 1 credit of BSGP 8999 in Dr. Jones' section; 1 credit of BSGP 8999 in Dr. Gate's section; and 1 credit of BSGP 8999 in Dr. Black's section for a total of 6 credits of BSGP 8999.

**\*\*Elective courses:** Elective Courses (may be in BSGP or in other departments such as MVIMG, Neuroscience, Physiology, MCB). At least 6 credit hours of the 10 required elective credit hours must be in the classroom setting and the remainder may be seminars; electives may be consistent with recommended courses in a chosen Area of Research Emphasis.

**\*\*\*BSGP 7972-** Senior Student Seminar: 1 credit hour. *Due to limited space, please contact the BSGP office in advance to be placed on a priority list for this required course.*

### **CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS**

**Post-candidacy doctoral students:** 3 credit hours per semester or summer session.

**Graduate Associates.** Graduate associates must register for at least 8 credit hours per semester, except in summer session, when the minimum is 4. Post-candidacy doctoral students must register for at least 3 credit hours each semester or summer session an appointment is held. These registration requirements can include research hours.

**Fellows and Trainees** Students holding the titles Graduate Fellow or Graduate Trainee, regardless of the source of the funds, must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester the appointment is held except in summer session when the minimum is 6. Graduate Fellows or Graduate Trainees who are post-candidacy doctoral students must register for at least 3 credit hours per semester or summer session an appointment is held. These registration requirements can include research hours.

**International Students** International students are required to register for a minimum of eight credit hours per semester except in summer session, when the minimum is four, unless they hold appointments as fellows or trainees. International students who are post-candidacy must register for at least three credit hours. These registration requirements can include research hours.

For more information, see the Graduate school Handbook (Section 3.1: Course Load) here: <http://gradsch.osu.edu/3.1-course-load.html>