

This document is a concise list of common tasks/considerations related to advanced standing students transitioning into their first year at GSAPP. The information on this page was developed by advanced standing students and does not take the place of consultation with your GSAPP program advisor.

Waiving Courses and Practica

- Compile all of your syllabi from prior courses and compare to the school psychology model program sequence (syllabi for all courses are online under 'Current Students' → 'Registration'). Determine which courses you may be eligible to waive.
- Complete one waiver form for each GSAPP class you want to waive. Form is available online under 'Current Students' → 'Forms' → 'Waiver Form'. Make sure to attach the corresponding syllabus/syllabi from your prior class to this form.
- Some requests for course waivers will require additional documentation and/or competency measures beyond course syllabi; be sure to check with faculty members.
- Submit waiver packets to the instructor of the course you are trying to waive. Refer to the syllabi online or contact Student Services Coordinator or School Psychology Program Administrative Assistant to determine who the professor is.
- If you have a master's degree in school psychology with prior supervised practicum, you are allowed to waive a maximum of 9 practicum credits and the related 7 credits of supervision for these practica. The waiver form for practicum is different than the course waiver form. It is available online under 'Current Students' → 'Forms' → 'Practicum Waiver Form'. Once completed, attach relevant supporting documentation and submit to Karen Haboush, Practicum/Internship Coordinator.
- Keep a copy of all your waivers to help you complete your program proposal.
- Additionally, note that it is required for GSAPP students to be registered for supervision as long as they are registered in practicum. This does not exempt those who have already met supervised practicum hours. (Possible exceptions may exist once all supervision requirements have been met for practicum and students opt to complete additional practicum/externship provided the site offers their own group supervision on-site; students must register for Advanced Practicum).
- A maximum of 30 credits can be transferred. Fill out the form on the GSAPP website listing the courses you want to transfer for credit (you must be approved to waive the courses that you want to transfer). Form is available under the GSAPP website under "Current Students" → "Forms" → "Application for transfer of credits"
- You can only transfer up to 30 credits; however, if you are eligible to waive more, you may, but will have to make up those additional credits with GSAPP electives.
- When attempting to waive a GSAPP course with courses that do not exactly match in name, you may use more than one non-GSAPP course to demonstrate eligibility to waive a corresponding GSAPP course. When in doubt, you should ask either the Student Services Coordinator or the Administrative Assistant for the contact information of the respective professors, and discuss with them.
- In order to waive out of Statistics, you must pass a competency exam that is offered on a specific date in the summer. Speak with Student Services Coordinator or you may also contact Nancy Fagley for specifics.

- The advanced statistics course may not be waived, regardless of whether additional statistics coursework has been taken.

Other Considerations:

- If you want to do a practicum in your incoming year, explore your options immediately after your acceptance. Contact Karen Haboush, Practicum/Internship Coordinator to begin this process.
- You may be able to take the general comprehensive exam earlier than your first-year classmates. That is, you may be able to take the exam the summer after your first year. The courses necessary to take the exam include the three foundation courses (CBT/Analytic/Systems); Ethics; Community Psychology; Statistics and Advanced Statistics. Based on what you waive and what courses you take your first year, be aware of your timeline and plan accordingly. Information about general comps is on the GSAPP website under 'Current Students' → 'General/Clinical/School Comps.'
- The school psychology program now requires that students take the ETS PRAXIS exam as the school psychology written specialty comprehensive exam. If you have taken this exam within the previous ten years, be sure to mention this to your advisor and to Program Administrative Assistant.
- Consult the yearly milestone checklist and determine what items you have completed already (as an advanced student) and familiarize yourself with the program's expectations. Since you may be completing the program at a faster pace than non-advanced students, your timeline and program sequence may be very different and requires you to plan accordingly. This document is helpful in understanding all requirements of the program.
- You may be filling out your program proposal earlier than non-advanced students (if you waive out of a lot of courses, especially). Keep track of what you waive and what you have left to take.