FIRST YEAR FALL MEETING
UW Psychology Graduate Studies

Student Name:  
Faculty Mentor:

Signature & Date  
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FIRST YEAR PROJECT

• Deadlines (e.g., to form committee, for proposal meeting, for various stages of the research, for final paper, for department talk)
• Recommendations and process for Committee selection
• Details of proposal meeting (e.g., proposal paper, nature of the proposal meeting) and final defense meeting (final paper, format for defense, etc)
• Authorship expectations for FYP

DEPARTMENT AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

• Coursework requirements (e.g., methodology, content, recommended courses)
• Brownbag (which to attend, presentations)
• Retention decision in Fall of second year
• Milestones in program (e.g., FYP, prelims, dissertation)
• Departmental awards for research and travel
• Resources (e.g., people, website)

WORK, RESEARCH, AND LAB

• Interpersonal style and work style
• Work load expectations
• Work policies (e.g., location to work, vacation, polices about breaks and summer)
• Responsibilities and expectations
• Expectations about appropriate level of independence
• General authorship policies/expectations
• Collaborating with other faculty
• Deadlines
• Policies and expectations about undergraduates (e.g., how to recruit RAs, expectations about grad mentorship of RAs, lab meetings or other training for RAs, etc)
• Professional development
• Presentations (expectations about frequency and timeline in department and/or conferences)
• Resources in laboratory (lab manager, chain of command)
• Meetings with mentor (frequency, format, how set up, etc)

FUNDING

• Funding expectations (first year, later years, fellowships, TA, RA)
• Expectations about workload and responsibilities associated with types of funding
• Expectations about Teaching (recommended, required, discouraged, specific course recommendations)

ADDITIONAL NOTES (if needed):

Return to Graduate Studies Mailbox by November 1st.