**Sample First Year** *IRB Approval Deadline*

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*IRB Approval Deadline* ***Dates Vary****:* [IRB Approval Website](http://www.csun.edu/grip/research/humanresearch/) \***SAMPLE\* Fall and Spring—First Year**

Dr. Katz’s Thesis timeline document: [click here](http://www.csun.edu/~gk45683/)

*Gradate Book:* [*click here*](http://www.csun.edu/csbs/departments/psychology/resources/graduate_forms.html)

“Who am I? “: Deciding **IF** & WHAT I want to research ( Decide comps or thesis? )

*Graduate Handbook pages 3 and 4, Book: Writing for Social Sciences*

*Dr. Razani’s Handout among Graduate Handouts*

Picking a Topic

*How to Choose a Research Topic*

*Graduate Book—Page 3, section II*

*Graduate Handout—Page 3*

*How to collect literature*

*Graduate Handout, 1st Column*

*Continue to do literature collection and review*

Deciding on Committee Members

*How to choose a committee member that best suits* ***you***

*Graduate Book--Page 4, section B; Graduate Handouts—Page 2*

*The roles of the committee members*

*Graduate Book—Page 5, section III*

Thesis Proposal: Bringing it all together

*Dr. Katz’s handout-8th paragraph*

Other

Begin to fill out IRB Paperwork

**Work on Literature collection and review**

Begin writing thesis manuscript Introduction

**\*\*\*Some chairs believe you should defend your orals Spring semester of 1st year.This means pushing up what you see for Aug, Sep, and Oct of your 2nd year.**

**Sample Second Year** *IRB Approval Deadline*

*Last*

*Day!!!*

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***Dates Vary****:* [IRB Approval Website](http://www.csun.edu/graduatestudies/research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html)

**SAMPLE \*Fall**

Beginning of Fall meet with chair, check progress, obtain feedback on introduction

Work on Manuscript (Introduction & Methods & revise based on chair’s feedback)

-upon approval, set date for prelim orals— **(\*some encourage U 2 do it your first year)**

-Submit thesis 2 committee, finalize prelim presentation, abstract 2 psych office

**Latest** time to Hold Preliminaries Orals (check with chair)

With IRB approval, begin to recruit participants/Collect Data

**SAMPLE\* Spring**

Complete Data Collection and begin analyses & interpretation

Finish Manuscript write-up (abstract, results, discussion…)

-Finalize revisions of thesis based on feedback from your **chair** (some chairs might need two weeks to review) & upon permission, schedule defense

- Make appointment with committee if applicable

-Submit thesis document to all committee members (must be done two weeks before defending thesis) & work on defense presentation

Defend Thesis and leave time for revisions

Committee Approval & revisions

Make appointment with Graduate Studies to format thesis

Make revisions based on feedback and print thesis

**Last day to confer/bind Thesis w/grad studies (must be done in order to get MA!)**

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