

Experimental Division Checklist

Name: _____

Area: _____

Year entered program: _____

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Statistics

Note the semester each was taken. If an equivalent course was completed elsewhere, obtain a waiver signature from the appropriate UConn instructor.

STAT 242

STAT 379

Breadth

This requirement is satisfied by three courses outside the division. With advisor's consent, courses in other departments can count. Ecological courses can count for Language students and vice versa but all breadth courses cannot be taken within the Division.

Course, Instructor, and Semester

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Research

At least two PSYC 304s are required; these should be taken with two different supervisors. Use informative titles (not just Independent Research).

Title of 304, Supervisor #1, and Semester

Title of 304, Supervisor #2, and Semester

Additional courses and the University's GRAD 495 requirement should be recorded on p. 2 of this form.

PLAN OF STUDY

A list of courses (with instructors) totaling 45 credits must be compiled on forms obtained from the Graduate School and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. Do not include any courses that you are unlikely to finish (i.e., there can be no Incompletes on the final Plan of Study).

DOCTORAL EXAM

Permission must be obtained from the Graduate School to take the exam. This requires (1) a filed Plan of Study and (2) a final undergraduate transcript (make sure your alma mater sent it after graduation). The breadth requirement must be fulfilled prior to or during the semester in which the exam is taken.

The open-book exam, typically consisting of 8-10 questions (each answered in 8 double-spaced pages), is to be completed over a two week period chosen by the advisor and student. The timing should not interfere with the student's assistantship duties. Five faculty members must contribute questions and participate in grading the exam. Provide their names below.

Date Taken

The exam is graded on a 4-point scale (4 is excellent; 2 is passing). Even with an overall average of 2.0, a student may have to redo a failed question or repeat a section that the graders consider weak.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee includes the Major Advisor, at least one additional member of the Area of Concentration, and one person from outside the Experimental Division. All must be members of the graduate faculty.

Major Advisor

Associate Advisor #1 (within the Area)

Associate Advisor #2 (outside Experimental)

Associate Advisor #3 (optional)

DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

The Document

The required format is available from the Graduate School. Proposed experiments should be described in sufficient detail for readers to assess the soundness of their rationale, methodology, analysis, and possible implications. The proposal is not to exceed 12 pages.

Oral Presentation

Notification should be sent to the entire division at least one week before the presentation. The student should take 30-40 minutes to describe the project. Questions should be directed at ensuring a manageable project that will lead to interpretable results. The Advisory Committee may require revisions to address concerns that arose during the presentation. Final approval must precede the PhD defense by 6 months.

Presentation Date

Approval Date

Reviewing Committee

Two graduate faculty members outside the Area of Concentration are asked by the Major Advisor to assess whether the proposal is clearly written, addresses relevant research, and is of sufficient scope for the PhD. The choice, which may include scholars from other Universities, must first be approved by the Division Head (obtain the appropriate form from the Department Office). The reviewers need not be present at the proposal presentation or dissertation defense.

Reviewer #1

Reviewer #2

Three copies of the proposal should be signed by the Advisory Committee, the Reviewing Committee, and the Department Head (obtain forms from the Department Office). Take the signed copies to the Graduate School for final approval by their Executive Committee. That approval must precede the PhD defense by three months. All approvals are required in order to apply for a dissertation fellowship. Check the Department Office for deadlines.

ADDITIONAL COURSES

With the guidance of your advisor, a plan of study should be developed to achieve depth in a specialty (including the appropriate technical skills) along with breadth in cognitive science. You need to pursue the kind of scholarly training that will support a research program as well as likely teaching opportunities (graduate and undergraduate).

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Course, Instructor, and Semester	Course, Instructor, and Semester	Course, Instructor, and Semester
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ADDITIONAL PSYC 304S

Students in Experimental should be engaged in research every semester. The formal mechanism of PSYC 304 is used during the first 3 years to acquire specialized skills and to confront theoretical issues through research. In order to document this kind of training, you should give these independent research courses distinct titles. Note that this mechanism should not be used to the exclusion of more formal lecture courses.

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DISSERTATION RESEARCH REQUIREMENT

The University requires the completion of at least 15 credits of Dissertation Research GRAD 495 (with the Major Advisor as the Instructor). A maximum of 6 credits may be counted in any given semester.

_____	_____
semester (credits)	semester (credits)
_____	_____
semester (credits)	semester (credits)

PRESENTATIONS TO RESEARCH SEMINARS (E. G., LANGUAGE LUNCH OR PAW)

Oral presentations of your research are a critical part of your graduate training. You should be involved in enough research to do at least one presentation per year.

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semester, Approximate title of talk	semester, Approximate title of talk	semester, Approximate title of talk
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See the *University of Connecticut Graduate Catalogue* and the *Psychology Department Guidelines for Graduate Study* for details of the requirements summarized here. You should go over this form periodically with your advisor to track your progress. If you have any questions or need clarification, you should contact the Division Head.