PSYC 91: Thesis Research
Checklist for Neuroscience Majors

Indicate term(s) in which you would like to enroll in PSYC 91 (e.g. Fall 2016, Winter 2017)

☐ I have reviewed the information available on the Psychological and Brain Sciences (PBS) website: http://pbs.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/neuroscience/neuroscience-honors

☐ I have taken PSYC 6 or BIOL 34 and PSYC 10 or BIOL 29 as prerequisites
   (Accepted, though not recommended, equivalent courses for PSYC 10 are Economics 10, Government 10, Mathematics 10, and Sociology 10.)

☐ My current GPA in the major is ___________ (must be at or above 3.30).
   NOTE: Major GPA is calculated by averaging all of the currently-completed courses, above the prerequisite level, that are part of the major. Major GPA must be 3.30 or higher when the major is completed in order to remain eligible for honors. Major GPA must be 3.30 or higher when the major is completed in order to remain eligible for honors.

☐ My current GPA overall is __________ (must be at or above 3.00).

☐ I am submitting this form by the end of the second week of the fall term of my senior year.

☐ I am NOT counting PSYC 90 or 91 as an elective toward my neuroscience major.
   Note: You may count PSYC 91 as your culminating experience.

☐ I understand that once my major plan is approved, if I change the courses specified on it, I must submit new major cards and request approval of my new plan from my Neuroscience Advisor.

☐ I have a primary advisor who will chair my Thesis Committee

_________________________________________   __________________________________________
Print name of advisor                        Position and Department

☐ I have a second member of my Thesis Committee

_________________________________________   __________________________________________
Print name of the second member               Position and Department

☐ At least one member of my Thesis Committee is a regular faculty member in PBS.

☐ I have attached a description (typically a one-paragraph abstract) of the thesis topic.

Have you sought IRB approval for your work because it involves human subjects? (Check one below.)
☐ Yes, it is approved    ☐ Yes, it is pending    ☐ Not yet, but I will    ☐ No, not applicable

Have you sought IACUC approval for my work because it involves animal subjects? (Check one below.)
☐ Yes, it is approved    ☐ Yes, it is pending    ☐ Not yet, but I will    ☐ No, not applicable

Have considered all the resources you need to complete your work?
☐ Yes, and I do not need additional resources beyond those available through the College or my advisor’s lab.
☐ Yes, and I need additional resources beyond those available through the College of my advisor’s lab. My plan for acquiring these resources is attached.
I have reviewed and I accept the following deadlines set by the department, and I have consulted with my advisor and provided tentative due dates on the lines provided below.

**February 13, 2017**  Prospectus due for review by Neuroscience Committee. The prospectus should include a brief description of the rationale for the research, methods being used, analysis to be employed, and implications of the expected results (approx. 2-3 pages total)

__________________  Draft of Introduction due

__________________  Draft of Methods section due

__________________  Data collection completed

__________________  Statistical analysis and draft of Results section due

**May 12, 2017**  Final draft of thesis due to Thesis Committee

__________________  Defense for Thesis Committee (no later than May 23, 2017)

**May 24, 2017**  TENTATIVE date for Poster Presentations to Department

**May 31, 2017**  TWO signed, bound theses due to PBS Main Office

_____________________________________________  _________________ 
Student Signature       Date

_____________________________________________  _________________ 
Primary Advisor Signature      Date

_____________________________________________  _________________ 
Chair of the Neuroscience Committee Signature   Date

Submit completed checklist to the Psychological and Brain Sciences main office, Room 103 Moore Hall. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-noon and 1pm-4pm.

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