PSYC 89: Thesis Research

Checklist for Psychology Majors

Indicate terms in which you would like to enroll in PSYC 89.01 and PSYC 89.02

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

☐ I have taken PSYC 1, PSYC 10, and PSYC 11 as prerequisites

(Accepted, though not recommended, equivalent courses for PSYC 10 are ECON 10, GOVT 10, MATH 10, QSS 15, and SOCY 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, numbered 10-87, that are part of the major.

☐ 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 planning to take two terms of PSYC 89 (PSYC 89.01 and PSYC 89.02).

☐ I am taking no more than three terms total of PSYC 88/PSYC 89, and I understand that only two terms can count towards my major requirements.

☐ 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. This abstract should include (1) a description of the goal(s) and significance of your project, (2) relationship to prior work, and (3) what you plan to do to accomplish your objective(s).

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 or 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 3, 2025**
Prospectus due for review by the Psychology 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) Submit to Professor Clark (Ann.S.Clark@Dartmouth.edu)

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Draft of Introduction due

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Draft of Methods section due

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Data collection completed

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Statistical analysis and draft of Results section due

**May 9, 2025**
Final draft of thesis due to Thesis Committee + Psychology Committee

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Defense for Thesis Committee (no later than May 16, 2025)

**May 22, 2025**
TENTATIVE date for Poster Presentations to Department

**May 23, 2025**
Signed PDF of thesis due by email to the PBS department by 3:00 pm

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Student Signature                                Date

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Primary Advisor Signature                        Date

Submit completed checklist to the Psychological and Brain Sciences Department by email to psychological.and.brain.sciences@dartmouth.edu, or hard copy to the PBS main office.

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Chair of the Psychology Committee Signature     Date

Note: Checklist should be submitted to the department, which will obtain the committee chair’s signature.

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