

Dissertation Proposal Form

Please return to the Graduate Coordinator after successful proposal of your dissertation.

Minimum Graduate School & department requirements for graduate committees are as follows:

Dissertation Committee Composition: Dissertation committees must have at least four members. At least three members of the committee must be in Psychology or be Psychology-affiliated, and at least one member must be from outside Psychology. Further, at least three members of the dissertation committee must be UW-Madison graduate faculty or former UW-Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement. The chair of the committee must be in Psychology or be Psychology-affiliated at UW-Madison.

The fourth member and any additional members may be from any of the following categories, as approved by the program executive committee (or its equivalent): graduate faculty, faculty from a department without a graduate program¹, academic staff²(including emeritus faculty), visiting faculty, faculty from other institutions, scientists, research associates, and other individuals deemed qualified by the executive committee (or its equivalent).

All committee members have voting rights. To receive a doctoral degree, students cannot receive more than one dissenting vote from their committee on the final degree warrant.

Additional notes: (1) The Graduate Coordinator in Psychology can help you determine whether particular individuals are “graduate faculty”. (2) Students who feel a different committee composition (e.g., two in Psychology and two outside) would be more appropriate for their dissertation may petition the Graduate Committee for an exception. (3) The “outside Psychology” member must be UW-Madison graduate faculty or former UW-Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement. (4) More details about the Graduate School's requirements for dissertation committees can be found here: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/committees/>

Please print the names of your committee, only the mentor's signature is needed.

Student: _____ Date of proposal meeting / /

1). Mentor: _____

2). _____

3). _____

4). _____

Optional 5th member: _____

Mentor Signature: _____