

SECOND YEAR RESEARCH PAPER

The doctoral program is designed, first and foremost, to prepare students to make scholarly contributions to the field of sociology. Graduate students must learn how to make contributions to and extend existing knowledge. The second year paper represents an important opportunity for students to provide faculty with evidence of their abilities and progress in this important area. A draft of paper is due on or before April 1st of the second year of graduate study. The final paper is due on or before May 15th and is one of the important pieces of evidence available to faculty when making the decision to advance a student to candidacy. Please complete the first section of this form, obtain signatures, and submit it to Sarah Giberman no later than ***December 1st***.

Many types of papers will satisfy this requirement. Any subject of sociological relevance is acceptable and the paper may address theoretical, empirical, or methodological issues. Whatever the format, emphasis should be on clarity, logical rigor, and originality. Students may choose to rewrite a paper prepared for a course or work carried out in conjunction with a research assistantship.

A two-person committee that includes the primary adviser evaluates the paper. Although the reading committee is usually comprised of two regular faculty members in the department, emeritus and other faculty outside of the department may serve as a committee member with prior approval. The chair of the Graduate Studies Committee must approve all proposed committees. For the 2010-11 academic year, the chair of the GSC is Susan Olzak.

The deadline for the draft second-year research papers is ***April 1, and the final is due May 15th***. Once completed, students must submit three copies of the paper: one to each reader and one to Sarah Wilson.

Section One (Student completes and obtains faculty signatures)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Primary Reader: (print name): _____

Faculty Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Second Reader: (print name): _____

Faculty Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Section Two (Department Completes)

Approval of Reading Committee:

Date: _____ GSC Chair Signature: _____

Title: _____

This paper _____ met _____ failed to meet the degree requirement.

Date: _____ Staff Signature: _____