# PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE FORM

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## DEPT FORM AND ATTACHMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH

## A COLLEGE FORM SIGNED BY ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND

## MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE THE DISSERTATION PROPOSAL DEFENSE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TO: GRADUATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study:

(underline one) Clinical CNS I-O

Students are expected to form the Ph.D. committee shortly after completion of the M.A. thesis. Typically, students submit for approval both a department dissertation committee form and a signed College committee form before taking the comprehensive exam.

The Department of Psychology requires that the selection of faculty for membership on the student's Ph.D. supervisory committee be consistent with both the depth of expertise and breadth of scholarship that are traditionally associated with the doctoral degree. It is expected that the Ph.D. committee will represent the competence and qualifications necessary to evaluate the doctoral dissertation, signified by active scholarship and the possession of an appropriate terminal degree. The department faculty member serving as major professor must be an active scholar, have at least one refereed publication in the prior three years, and have served on a minimum of two thesis committees. If the major professor is not an active faculty member of the Psychology Department, a co-major professor from the Department must be appointed.

The Ph.D. supervisory committee must consist of at least five full-time tenured or tenure-earning faculty members. Three members must be full-time faculty within the Department of Psychology and in the student's departmental concentration. At least one of the remaining two members must be a full-time faculty member from within the Department of Psychology but outside the student's departmental concentration (for CNS students, outside the student’s CNS C, N, or S focus area; consult the CNS Area Director as needed). The fifth member must be chosen from outside the Department of Psychology. This outside member represents Graduate Studies.

An Affiliate Graduate Faculty member may serve as a committee member from outside the Concentration or outside the Psychology Department. Scholars with External Graduate Co-Advisor Status (for graduate faculty from other departments in USF or Affiliate Graduate Faculty) may serve as committee members from within the Concentration and are eligible to co-direct with Psychology Graduate Faculty at the discretion of the department. Lists of the Affiliate Graduate Faculty and the External Graduate Co-Advisor faculty are on the department’s Faculty website. Their appointment process, terms, rights, and responsibilities can be found on the department’s Resources>Faculty Policies and Procedures website. If justified, a sixth member of the Ph.D. Committee may be requested.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1.On an attached sheet please

* briefly describe your dissertation topic, method, and analytic tools necessary for completion
* justify your choice of advisor(s) and committee members as they relate to your dissertation.

2.Submit this department form and attachments, along with a College Committee new appointment form signed by all committee members, and the CV of any proposed members outside the department who are not joint faculty or are outside USF, to Brittany Vojnovic [byabczanka@usf.edu](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cjudithbryant%5CDownloads%5Cbyabczanka%40usf.edu). Brittany will obtain Graduate Program Committee action, signature, and submit it to the College.

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GRADUATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: .

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Signature of Graduate Program Committee Chair Date Revised 3/2024