

**TOOLS OF RESEARCH FORM**  
**FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BEFORE TOOLS PROGRAM BEGINS**

All graduate students must complete a series of methods courses beyond the core methods requirements with a grade of "B-" or better to satisfy their program area's requirements of "research tools" for their Ph.D. programs. Students may select their tools courses from departmental offerings or from offerings in other departments. Courses used to satisfy the tools of research requirement may not be used to satisfy the minor requirement. They also may not be used for a given area's seminar requirement. Tools courses are those that deal primarily with research design, data collection techniques, quantitative or qualitative analytic methods, or instrumentation.

Students should receive written approval before starting tools coursework. Students must submit a detailed description of the proposed tools courses to their M.A. or Ph.D. committee for approval. This proposal should contain descriptions of courses planned, an explanation of the relationship of the proposed courses to the primary course of study, and an appropriate time for completion of the courses. Please use DocuSign to route the form for signatures.

Date:

TO: GRADUATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TOOLS OF RESEARCH

STUDENT:

Area of Study (check one):  Clinical  CNS  I-O

Description of Course of Study (include specific methods courses with name of instructor and department and attach syllabi for non-psychology courses; note that this requirement involves 2 courses for I-O students and 3 courses for CNS and Clinical students):

Relationship of Tools to Primary Course of Study:

This request has been reviewed and approved by the student's major professor.

Major Professor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This request has been reviewed and approved by the student's Area Director.

Area Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Route signed form to Brittany Vojnovic [byabczanka@usf.edu](mailto:byabczanka@usf.edu). Brittany will obtain Graduate Program Committee action and signature.

GRADUATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE ACTION:  APPROVED  DISAPPROVED

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Signature of Graduate Program Committee Chair

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Date