

SECOND YEAR RESEARCH PROJECT AND PAPER

Students are required to complete a small independent research project by the end of their second year. It will be carried out under the close supervision of the faculty advisor, but the student will assume major responsibility for all aspects of the project. The second year paper should reflect original data collection and/or analysis, as well as a substantial literature review and discussion of the theoretical implications of the research. This paper may be (a) an extension of work begun in the first year or (b) a report of new research undertaken during the second year.

Faculty committee: The student selects two readers for the second year paper, usually the faculty advisor and one other faculty member.

Project proposal: Working with the faculty advisor and second reader, students prepare a second year project proposal and brief project abstract.

Proposal due date: The proposal approval form and a project abstract should be filed with the Graduate Advisor no later than the last day of instruction in fall quarter of Year 2. Both the faculty advisor and the second reader must sign the form, indicating that the proposal has been approved.

Oral presentation: Students are expected to report on their second year project or some aspect of their research at an Education Department event, usually held near the end of spring quarter of Year 2.

Due date for the Second Year Project paper: Students are strongly urged to complete the second year project and project paper before the end of Year 2. However, for those wishing more time, the latest date for submission of the second year paper is the first day of instruction in fall quarter of Year 3. The second year paper, which should be prepared in APA style, reports on the second year project. Students submit the paper to their faculty advisor and their second reader. Once approved, the faculty advisor and second reader sign the second year project approval form. This form must be submitted to the Graduate Advisor for filing. Students may be encouraged to revise the second year paper for publication.

Notes: The satisfactory completion of the second year research project and paper is a requirement for the M.A. degree (see section below on M.A. requirements). The second year project must also be completed before a Qualifying Examination committee will be approved.

Research Apprenticeship EDUC 293A or EDUC 293B Minimum of 5 units: recommended in Year 1 and required before the end of Year 2

We recommend that students begin the apprenticeship in Year 1 so that they are prepared to do their Second Year Research Project in Year 2.

All students are required to participate in a research apprenticeship during the first or second year of study under the guidance of their faculty advisor or another Education Department faculty sponsor. The research apprenticeship can be fulfilled through work as a Graduate Research Assistant, participation in a faculty-led research group, or contribution to a joint project with a faculty member. Requests for faculty sponsors outside of the Education Department will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The research apprenticeship should meet the requirements for a 5- credit course. Students may either enroll in 293B for 5 units or they may participate in the research apprenticeship over three quarters of 2- credit courses (293A). To enroll, students complete a Ph.D. Student Independent Study Petition and attach an outline of the proposed work for the apprenticeship.