

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE THEORY FIELD, 2020-2021

Course Offerings for Theory (Information and Uncertainty)

- 211C. Game Theory and Economic Applications
(Fall 20, Professor Sadzik)
- 212B. Topics in Advanced Theory: Behavioral Decision Theory
(Winter 21, Professor Lu)

Field Requirement

Students who choose theory as their field are required to meet the following requirements by the end of the second year:

- Take two of the courses listed above and pass them with a grade of B+ or better.
- Regularly attend the theory workshop and the theory proseminar and present a theory field paper at the proseminar.
- Submit a theory field paper and receive a passing grade.

Remarks

- A theory field paper can be either an original research paper or a survey paper with research proposal.
- When appropriate, a student may submit a theory field paper that is being used to satisfy a paper requirement for another field. In such case, the student must obtain a prior approval from the advisors in both fields.
- Theory field paper may not be coauthored.
- In some borderline cases in which a student does not satisfy some requirement, the instructors will reach a final determination based on the entirety of the work completed.

Here is a rough timeline of what you are expected to do regarding your theory field paper:

- Choose your advisor (see the list below) and start discussing ideas in January.
- Meet with your advisor regularly along with other relevant faculty (in particular, those who you wish to serve on your committee).
- Present your field paper in theory proseminar in spring.
- **Submit your field paper by July 30, 2021 to Chiara Paz (chiara@econ.ucla.edu) by email.**

List of Theory Faculty

Simon Board, Jay Lu, Moritz Meyer-ter-Vehn, Ichiro Obara, Tomasz Sadzik, William Zame

General Recommendations

- If you plan to choose theory as one of your specialized areas in the long run, it is strongly recommended that you take all available theory courses. Courses vary from year to year, and we encourage senior students to take/audit new classes as they are offered.