

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE THEORY FIELD 2025-2026

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Fall 2025

215 Network Economics
Professor Moritz Meyer-ter-Vehn

Winter 2026

211A Contact Theory
Professor Daniel Clark

Spring 2026

213A Dynamic and Continuous-
Time Methods
Professor Alexander Bloedel

FIELD REQUIREMENTS

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

- Take the three 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.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- A theory field paper can be either an original research paper or a survey paper with a 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 a case, the student must obtain 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.
- Courses vary from year to year, and we encourage senior students to take/audit new classes as they are offered.

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 31, 2026, to Chiara Paz (chiara@econ.ucla.edu) by email.

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