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**Dissertation Defense.** A copy of the Dissertation must be given to all members of the student's committee and Psychology's graduate secretary at least three weeks prior to the defense.

Additionally, a public notice of the defense must be posted. This is done through Psychology's graduate secretary. The actual defense of the Dissertation is a public event. Students must be registered for at least one credit of Dissertation Research (PSYC 699) in the semester that they defend their Dissertation. The PhD is not complete until all dissertation committee members and the DoGS have signed the necessary paperwork and a version of the dissertation accepted by the committee has been successfully submitted to the Graduate School.

**Notes:** The various deadlines stated above are firm. However, given truly extenuating circumstances, a student, with endorsement by the student's advisory committee, may petition the area in writing for an extension of specific deadlines. Any such petition must be submitted prior to the relevant deadline and must include a proposed contract that specifies how the student will meet the other deadlines. The petition must be approved by the Cognitive Area Faculty. Approval of a petition should not be normally expected nor can it alter the five-year limit for state funding.