

Instructions for RACER I

Students must write a comprehensive literature review (Research Project I; RPI) on a topic approved by the research adviser in order to meet the requirements for Research Competency I. The student must submit an outline for the RPI no later than June 1st of his/her second year in the program, which must be approved by the research adviser. Based on feedback on the outline, a complete draft of the RPI must be written and turned in by September 1st of the student's third year. All RPI documents must adhere to APA Style. Over the course of the third year, the student and adviser will work together on the editing process to ensure that a final draft of the RPI is turned in no later than December 15th of the student's third year.

Each student must submit a final draft of their Research Project I together with the Research Competency Evaluation Rating Scale I (RACER I) to their research adviser in both hard copy and electronic copy through email. The final draft must then be rated, using the **RACER I** form by the RPI adviser. If revisions are required (see RACER I for specific instructions), they must be completed by September 1st of the student's fourth year. If the document earns a failing grade after the second submission, another faculty member will read it. If s/he agrees with the failing grade, the student may be dismissed from the program.