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Introduction

The policy guidelines contained herein direct both faculty and students in the implementation of the doctoral program at SCSU. Approved by the SCSU Graduate Council, the policies are distributed to students in the Ed.D. Program in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Policies are adhered to by all faculties in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies as well as graduate faculty from other departments at SCSU who are involved in the Ed.D. program. The following policies go into effect once a student is admitted to the program.

The program policies below have been developed by the Coordinator of Doctoral Education and the EDL Department Chair in collaboration with the EDL graduate faculty, the Dean of the School of Education, and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. These policies *supplement* all policies in the SCSU Graduate Catalogue and the Student Handbook of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. As such, they do not act as a substitute for any information contained in those two documents.

Doctoral students are responsible for knowing all information contained in the policy guidelines. At the start of each academic year, the policy guidelines will be updated, and students are required to obtain and review new guidelines in order to remain current.

Matriculation

All students are enrolled on a part-time basis. All students selected for the Ed.D. Program is expected to matriculate into the program before their first courses or during their first semester by signing a planned program. A student must be approved for continued matriculation after completion of the first 12 credits of the program. Eligibility for continued matriculation is based on the following requirements:

- An overall GPA of 3.2 in the first 12 credits of coursework
- Completion of coursework as deemed by the professors of the first 12 credits as demonstrating the guiding principles of the Ed.D. Program -- scholarship, attitudes, integrity, leadership and service.

If Department faculty representatives approve the student for continued matriculation, no action is taken. If the student is not approved, the student might be advised to take a temporary leave of absence from the program or other course of action, depending on the individual circumstances.

To remain in the program, a student must maintain a 3.2 GPA for all course work per semester. If at any point in time a student's GPA falls below 3.2, the student will be placed on academic probation by the graduate. The student will be required to meet the 3.2 GPA standards by the end of the following semester and maintain that GPA

continuously in order to remain in the program. If a student's GPA falls below 3.2 a second time, that student will be subject to dismissal from the doctoral program. The minimum grade eligible for doctoral credit

At the conclusion of each semester, each student will review his/her academic standing in an advisement session with two faculty members to discuss the student's progress and future plans.

Ed.D. Curriculum Map (subject to change as necessary for program coherence)

The following Curriculum Map outlines the program of study necessary for completion of the program in four years. However, the emphasis in the doctoral program is on quality of work, not speed. Therefore, students may take more than four years to complete the program, sometimes needing to repeat dissertation proposal development or dissertation advisement courses in the third, fourth, fifth years and beyond.

Ed.D. Curriculum Map					
YEAR I					
<i>Semester I</i>	<i>Inter-Session</i>	<i>Semester II</i>	<i>Summer A</i>	<i>Summer B</i>	<i>Summer C</i>
EDL 701 EDL 703		EDL 708 EDL 711	Elective	Elective	Elective
YEAR II					
<i>Semester I</i>	<i>Inter-Session</i>	<i>Semester II</i>	<i>Summer A</i>	<i>Summer B</i>	<i>Summer C</i>
EDL 704 EDL 702		EDL 705 Elective	EDL 725	Elective	Comprehensive Exam
YEAR III					
<i>Semester I</i>	<i>Inter-Session</i>	<i>Semester II</i>	<i>Summer A</i>	<i>Summer B</i>	<i>Summer C</i>
EDL 730 EDL 722		EDL 731 Elective	Elective	Elective	
Proposal Hearing ----- >					
YEAR IV					
<i>Semester I</i>	<i>Inter-Session</i>	<i>Semester II</i>			
EDL 799		EDL 800			
Defense ----- >					

Note: Students seeking 092-certification or 093-certification might need to take additional courses to meet certification requirements. Upon entry into the program, students seeking certification should notify the Coordinator of such to ensure that the appropriate planned program of study is signed.

Comprehensive Exam

All matriculated doctoral students wishing to become doctoral candidates must pass a written comprehensive examination. Passage of the comprehensive exam is a prerequisite to the dissertation proposal hearing. This exam is designed by the doctoral faculty to rigorously assess the student's mastery and synthesis of knowledge garnered during coursework. Further, it is intended to gauge the student's potential for independent dissertation research. Students should take the exam at the conclusion of their second year, after 39 credits of coursework has been completed.

The comprehensive examination is administered once each year. Examination dates will be published in May of the year of the exam. A student who wishes to take the comprehensive examination must submit an "Application for Comprehensive Doctoral Examination"¹ to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education by June 1st of the year of the exam. Further details regarding the content and format of the comprehensive examination will be made available to doctoral students prior to the exam. The exam will take place in mid-August.

The exam is 4.5 hours long, and students must take it using a computer. Each exam will be read anonymously by two faculty members within the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Exams will be awarded points out of a possible total of 100; the final score will be determined by averaging the readers' scores. Students will receive grades of Pass, Fail, or Honors. In the case of a 5+ point score differential by the two readers, for which the average would result in a Fail, the exam will be assessed by a third reader and the final score will be determined by averaging all three readers' scores.

Students will be notified of the results within one month after taking the exam. Students may re-take the comprehensive exam only once and may not enroll in courses during the semester following exam failure. A make-up date for the August sitting will be announced during the following fall semester, at least one month after the release of results. Failure of the comprehensive exam on the second attempt will result in the student's dismissal from the doctoral program.

Guidelines for Using Word Processing Programs

Students must use word processing programs to write their answers to comprehensive examination questions. A computer, required software (MS Word and Excel) and printer will be made available at the examination site. All comprehensive examination answers shall be submitted on a provided writeable CD and in hard copy, which the student prints out at the end of the comprehensive examination session.

¹ See form: Application for Comprehensive Doctoral Examination

Dissertation Committee

Each dissertation committee must be comprised of three members. Each student is responsible to form his or her own dissertation committee from among the EDL and other faculty. One committee member, serving as the Sponsor, must be a faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and must have Graduate Faculty status in the SCSU Graduate School. This member must be selected prior to the selection of other committee members. A list of faculty members eligible to serve as Sponsors can be obtained from the Coordinator of Doctoral Education in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. The Sponsor serves as the advocate for the student, helps identify and recruit other committee members, and provides guidance to the student during the entire dissertation process. The student should select his or her committee Sponsor during the third or fourth year and submit the required "Dissertation Committee Sponsor Agreement"² to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education.

A second committee member must be an SCSU graduate faculty member. The third member may be an SCSU graduate faculty member or may be external to SCSU. In the case of the latter, the committee member may be located at another accredited university or have professional relevance to the program of study *and* hold a Ph.D. or Ed.D. Selected committee members will be provided the opportunity to review the student's Concept Paper (see section entitled Dissertation Concept Paper) prior to agreeing to serve on the student's committee. Committee members must be asked to sit at least two months before the dissertation proposal hearing (see section entitled Dissertation Proposal Hearing), at which point, if they agree to participate, the student provides them with the dissertation proposal.

Each committee member who agrees to serve must sign a "Dissertation Committee Approval" form,³ and the student should submit it to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education for approval and signature. The Coordinator will then submit the form to the Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and the Dean of the School of Education, then to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies for final approval and appointment of committee membership. Submission of the form may occur at any time prior to four weeks before the dissertation proposal hearing.

Once the committee has been approved, any change in the composition of the dissertation committee must be accepted by the student, the Sponsor, the Department Chair, the Dean of the School of Education, and the Graduate Dean. To request a change in committee membership, the student must complete the form "Request for Change in Dissertation Committee"⁴ with the required signatures and submit it to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education for approval. If the Coordinator denies the request, the student may need to postpone the dissertation proposal hearing until the dissertation committee is finalized and approved.

² See form: Dissertation Committee Sponsor Agreement

³ See form: Dissertation Committee Approval

⁴ See form: Request for Change in Dissertation Committee

Dissertation Concept Paper

The dissertation concept paper is a 3-4 page overview of the student's ideas for a dissertation proposal. The Concept Paper should provide guidance for the selection of dissertation committee members as well as a basis for further development of the dissertation proposal. Its purpose is to state the problem to be investigated, describe the research question(s), significance and relevance of the topic and questions, present a brief commentary on the literature, and propose an appropriate methodology to conduct the inquiry. Attached to the paper should be a draft time line for completion of the dissertation proposal (first three chapters of the dissertation). Discussing the research concept paper with a potential committee sponsor, other potential committee members, and peers will enable the student to obtain advice early in the dissertation process as to the suitability of the topic as a worthwhile study and as to whether or not the research questions and methodologies are appropriate. The dissertation concept paper is to be developed as a course requirement of the Doctoral Inquiry Seminar (EDL 730).

Dissertation Proposal

The dissertation proposal is a required component of the doctoral program, and must be approved for a student to become a doctoral candidate. Copies of the proposal (and the dissertation, please see Dissertation section) are placed in the University library where they are made available to the public. Therefore, each proposal must meet professional standards of published research. The student, the student's Sponsor, and the Graduate School expect to see evidence of careful attention to style and format in the proposal document. The SCSU Doctoral Policies and Guidelines are derived from standard practices among universities, libraries, and publishers. The student is expected to read and follow the Guidelines throughout the proposal preparation.

The proposal includes the student's statement of a research problem and the chosen method of investigating it. The proposal is the first step toward completion of the dissertation, which is an original contribution to one's field of study. The study may be applied research; it may be experimental, quasi-experimental, or non-experimental in its design; it may include quantitative or qualitative methods, or both. The dissertation proposal is written during the third year, with the hearing held no later than April 30 of the third year, if the student intends to defend his or her dissertation in the spring of the fourth year. If the proposal hearing is held *after* April 30 of the third year, there is no guarantee that the student will be able to complete data collection and analysis in time to defend his or her dissertation by the spring of the fourth year. It is essential that the student be capable of defending the theoretical basis of a proposed study and the statements, analytical decision, and analytical methods relevant to successful completion of a high quality dissertation. A detailed proposal (Chapters One, Two, and Three of the dissertation) must be approved by the dissertation committee and Graduate School Dean *before* the student begins any data collection. A proposal, at a minimum, must contain the following elements:

Chapter 1 - Introduction.

Statement of the Problem. This should be a very specific problem statement which lucidly and succinctly presents the main thesis of the study. It may be followed by a series of hypotheses or sub-problem statements.

Justification of Study. This section should explain the purpose and rationale for the study. It should specify reasons as to why the problem is worthy of study, including a statement of the theoretical and practical need for the study.

Chapter 2 - Literature Review. The proposal should include a critical review of literature supporting the study and demonstrating the need for the dissertation (i.e., expose the “gap” in the literature that this study will fill).

Chapter 3 - Research Procedures. This should be summarized in a conceptual model and followed by an expanded narrative. Quantitative studies should include the following, at a minimum: a) population; b) sample; and c) statistical treatment. Qualitative studies should assume a format appropriate to the nature and design of the study and include, at a minimum: a) population; b) sample selection procedures; and c) methods.

References. Every proposal draft should be presented with attached references.

Human Subjects Protocol. Students are responsible for submitting their study packet to the IRB eight weeks prior to the proposal hearing because IRB approval is required to pass the hearing.

It is required that the proposal follows APA publication style guidelines as put forth in the most recent edition of the American Psychological Association Publication Manual, Washington, DC. Close cooperation with the student's Sponsor is essential to develop a proposal. The proposal should address a real problem facing education today and should be applied and practical in nature rather than research-oriented or purely theoretical.

Use of human subjects

By federal law, all research involving human or animal subjects requires prior ethical review and approval by an independent review committee. At SCSU, the relevant committee for research involving human subjects is the Institutional Review Board (IRB). No data or recruitment of subjects may take place without IRB approval. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has jurisdiction over research involving non-human subjects.

If the dissertation involves human participants, the student must follow the SCSU Protection of Human Subjects Protocol, and have all related paperwork submitted *before* the proposal hearing. A copy of the IRB approval form must be included in the proposal

for the Proposal Hearing and when it is submitted to the Graduate School. Students are responsible for completing and submitting human subjects approval forms to the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Procedures and forms related to IRB protocol are available from the SCSU IRB and Human Research Protection Program. Data *may not be collected* for the dissertation before human subjects approval has been granted by the IRB.

In cases where research involving human or animal subjects is being performed at another institution, approval also must be obtained from that institution's appropriate review committee(s). Copies of such approval should be attached to the SCSU forms to expedite the review process.

Copyright Permission

The student has the responsibility to obtain permission to include (or quote) copyrighted material unless the student is the owner of the copyright or unless the material meets the "fair use" criteria. The student is referred to *Copyright Law & Graduate Research: New Media, New Rights and Your New Dissertation* by Dr. Kenneth Crews (1996).

Dissertation proposal hearing

When the Sponsor and student believe the proposal is ready, a hearing of the proposal committee is scheduled at which the student presents and defends the proposal. The three members of the student's dissertation committee must be present at the hearing; the committee members must receive a final copy of the dissertation proposal at least four weeks in advance of the hearing. It is the student's responsibility to schedule the hearing, which should have a duration of one to two hours, with his or her committee. The student and/or the student's Sponsor must notify the Coordinator of Doctoral Education when the proposal hearing is scheduled. Procedures for conducting the proposal hearing are as follows: 1) the Sponsor begins the hearing, keeps time, and is responsible for facilitating the question and answer period; and 2) questions from the Sponsor and other two committee members will be followed by questions from faculty member guests. Should a committee member be unexpectedly unable to attend, participation by teleconference may be possible. If that option either impossible or deemed unacceptable by the other two committee members, then the defense must be rescheduled. There is no guarantee that a student's committee members will be available for hearings scheduled in the summer. No hearings will be held in the first three weeks of August.

The student should bring two copies of the proposal and the forms "Dissertation Prospectus Signature Sheet"⁵ and "Doctoral Admission to Candidacy"⁶ to the hearing. Upon successful defense of the proposal, the student and each committee member signs the form. If changes, adjustments, or edits of the proposal are necessary, the Sponsor withholds his or her signature until the student provides a corrected, acceptable version of the proposal. Once final and approved, the Sponsor submits the *unbound* proposal and Approval form to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education who then provides it to Dean of the School of Education for approval. The Dean will then submit the form and proposal

⁵ See form: Dissertation Prospectus Signature Sheet

⁶ See form: Doctoral Admission to Candidacy

to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies for final approval. Upon approval by the Graduate School, one bound copy of the finalized proposal should be submitted to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education.

It is important to note that passing the proposal hearing is a course requirement for EDL 731. Should a student not pass the hearing during the semester in which he or she is enrolled in EDL 731, he or she will receive a “Q” grade and will need to re-register for the course until the proposal hearing is satisfactorily passed.

Final dissertation proposal preparation

The reputation and quality of SCSU’s graduate programs are measured in part by the quality of dissertation proposals written by graduate students. These documents provide permanent, tangible evidence of the scholarly achievements of the student and the student’s graduate program. Upon approval, they are placed in the University library. For these reasons, dissertation proposals must be prepared with exceptional care for appearance, for consistency of terminology, and for correctness of citations, grammar, and spelling. It is expected that the dissertation proposal document submitted to the School of Graduate Studies will be in perfect condition and ready for approval by the Graduate Dean.

The Graduate Dean and designated faculty dissertation committee members review each dissertation proposal to ensure that the requirements of style specified in the SCSU Policies and Guidelines have been met. Dissertation proposals that are judged unacceptable are returned to the student through the faculty Sponsor for correction and re-approval by the Sponsor. The dissertation proposal then is resubmitted to the School of Graduate Studies. Ideally, all changes are accomplished in one correction. If new errors are made, however, they are noted, and the dissertation proposal subsequently is returned to the Sponsor.

Doctoral Candidacy

Once the student has successfully passed the Comprehensive Examination and successfully defended the Dissertation Proposal (i.e., approval by the Graduate School Dean), he or she is eligible to apply to be a Doctoral Candidate. The student should submit the form “Doctoral Admission to Candidacy” to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education. This designation will be conveyed to the student by an official letter from the Graduate School and/or the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

Doctoral Candidacy allows the student to register for dissertation credits. A student must be a candidate for at least one full semester prior to the granting of the degree. In other words, a student may not, unless he or she has been granted a waiver, defend the dissertation during the semester immediately following the semester during which he or she defended the proposal. The purpose of this requirement is to assure a minimal lapse of time for effective work on the dissertation after acquisition of the basic competence and after delineation and approval of the research problem and methodology. Once

students are advanced to candidacy they must be enrolled for graduate credit each semester (excluding summer sessions) until graduation. If the student is not advanced to candidacy within five years from the time of admission to the doctoral program, the student will be referred by his or her Sponsor to the Doctoral Committee on Standards and Appeals.

Dissertation Research

In conducting the dissertation research, the candidate works closely with the dissertation committee Sponsor, consulting other committee members as necessary. The candidate takes primary responsibility for collecting data, analyzing data and preparing initial drafts in a timely manner, according to a schedule agreed upon with his or her committee Sponsor.

Dissertation

The doctoral candidate must propose, execute, submit, orally defend and complete a dissertation of high quality and importance, under the supervision of a committee of graduate faculty members. Like the dissertation proposals, copies of the dissertation are placed in the University library. They are also sent to ProQuest, where they are made available to the international community of scholars. Therefore, dissertations must meet rigorous standards of published research.

The purpose of this culminating study are to: provide practical exercise in educational leadership; relate theory and practice in an exercise that informs a current educational issue or problem; and offer the student the opportunity to hone skills of inquiry and analysis gathered during his/her program. The study may take a variety of forms, however the student must adhere to the following criteria:

- The study reflects a theoretical position or model, while translating that theory into a viable course of curricular, instructional, leadership, or policy action.
- The study is reflective, requires a sound research foundation, and has significance beyond a single school or agency.
- The study can be summarized and disseminated in some manner to an audience beyond the student, study participants, and Dissertation Committee.

Dissertation Defense

When the student and his or her dissertation committee Sponsor determine that a final draft of the dissertation is ready for defense, the candidate files a "Request for Approval to Schedule Dissertation Defense" form⁷ to the Coordinator of Doctoral Education. This form includes the date, time and location of the defense, as agreed upon by all

⁷ See form: Request for Approval to Schedule Dissertation Defense

dissertation committee members. At least one semester must elapse between passing the proposal hearing and holding the dissertation defense. Once approved by the Coordinator of Doctoral Education, the defense scheduling may occur and all aspects of the defense are coordinated by the candidate. The candidate is responsible for informing his or her committee of the approved date, time and location.

The candidate must be aware that he or she must complete and submit the “Application for Graduation and Diploma” as well as the “Application for a Graduate Degree” to the Office of the Registrar *in the Fall semester prior to his or her anticipated graduation.*

In preparation for the defense, each committee member must receive a copy of the entire dissertation (including title and copyright pages, preliminary pages, references, and appendices) four weeks prior to the defense date. It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure that each committee member receives the dissertation. Defenses completed with a score of 1 or 2 (see below) by May 10th of the fourth year will render the student eligible for participation in the May commencement ceremony of that year. Defenses completed with a score of 3 are not guaranteed to render the candidate eligible for participation in the May commencement ceremony of that year. Defenses may be scheduled during months other than May; however there is no guarantee that a candidate’s committee members will be available for defenses scheduled in the summer. No defenses will be held in August.

When the "Request for Approval to Schedule Dissertation Defense" form is approved by the Coordinator of Doctoral Education, the candidate has been admitted to final oral dissertation defense in front of the dissertation committee. Final oral dissertation examinations are open to the public. Notification of the defense to the university community will be disseminated by the Coordinator of Doctoral Education. Any potential guest to the dissertation defense must be approved by the candidate, the Sponsor and the Coordinator of Doctoral Education. All committee members are expected to be present. Should a committee member be unexpectedly unable to attend, participation by teleconference may be possible. If that option either impossible or deemed unacceptable by the other two committee members, then the defense must be rescheduled. The student must bring one extra clean copy of the dissertation to the defense along with the “Notice of Completion of Final Examination and Dissertation Requirements.”⁸ It is highly recommended that the student bring several signature pages (on quality paper) to the defense, in the event that revisions need to be made as a result of the Graduate School review.

At the defense, the candidate will be expected to make a formal 20-30 minute presentation of the dissertation, using the necessary technological tools to convey the materials in a professional manner. The candidate may be asked any questions relevant to the written document, the oral presentation, his or her preparation, or his or her future plans. Questions from the Sponsor will be followed by questions from the other committee members. Questions from guests will not be entertained. Discussion of the candidate’s performance is initiated after the oral presentation and questioning and after

⁸ See form: Notice of Completion of Final Examination and Dissertation Requirements

the candidate and all guests have left the room. The discussion and balloting should result in one of the following four alternatives:

1. Unconditional pass. The committee agrees that the dissertation and defense are acceptable. The committee members then sign the “Notice of Completion of Final Examination and Dissertation Requirements,” indicating "Pass." The dissertation committee chair sign a second time in the appropriate space, certifying the dissertation is satisfactory and has been accepted by the committee.

2. Pass with Minor Dissertation Revision. The committee agrees that the defense is acceptable but that the dissertation still requires revision. The committee members sign the “Notice of Completion of Final Examination and Dissertation Requirements,” indicating "Pass," but the dissertation committee chair withholds the signature certifying approval of the dissertation pending satisfactory revisions and corrections. The committee provides the student with a deadline for making all revisions and corrections. Once approved by the committee chair, the final signature is made.

3. Pass with Major Dissertation Revision. The committee agrees that the defense is acceptable but the dissertation requires substantial revision. The committee members mark "Pass" on the “Notice of Completion of Final Examination and Dissertation Requirements,” but withhold signatures. Such signing may take place only after the committee members have examined and approved the revised dissertation. The committee provides the student with a deadline for re-submitting all revisions and corrections.

4. Failure. If the dissertation and/or its defense are not acceptable, the candidate fails. The “Notice of Completion of Final Examination and Dissertation Requirements” is marked "Fail," and signed by the committee members and the committee chair. If the committee foresees the possibility that the candidate can revise the dissertation in a way that might eventually be acceptable, it may recommend a reexamination. The Dean of the School of Education makes the decision as to whether to allow a second examination.

Once the dissertation defense is completed, follow the instructions for submission specified below, in Final Dissertation Submission.

Final Dissertation Preparation

The reputation and quality of SCSU’s graduate programs are measured in part by the quality of dissertations written by graduate students. These documents provide permanent, tangible evidence of the scholarly achievements of the student and the student's graduate program. For these reasons, dissertations must be prepared with exceptional care for appearance, for consistency of terminology, and for correctness of citations, grammar, and spelling. It is expected that the dissertation document submitted to the School of Graduate Studies will be in perfect condition and ready for approval by the Graduate Dean.

The Graduate Dean and designated faculty dissertation committee members review each dissertation to ensure that the requirements of style specified in the SCSU Policies and Guidelines have been met. Dissertations that are judged unacceptable are returned to the student through the dissertation Sponsor for correction and reapproval by the Sponsor. The dissertation then is resubmitted to the School of Graduate Studies. Ideally, all changes are accomplished in one correction. If new errors are made, however, they are noted, and the dissertation subsequently is returned to the Sponsor.

NOTE: A grade of “I” will be submitted for EDL 800 by a student’s dissertation Sponsor until the dissertation document receives final approval by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. While a student will be eligible to walk in the commencement ceremony in May after a successful defense, the doctoral degree will not be processed until the document is approved by the Graduate School and the grade of “I” is changed to a “P,” thereby indicating completion of all degree requirements. This may occur within weeks or months, depending on the number of corrections needed and the timeliness of document submission to the Graduate School.

Dissertations should follow the guidelines described below, which address preliminary pages, text, reference materials, and mechanics.

Preliminary pages

The preliminary materials consist of the title page, copyright notice (optional), approval page, abstract, dedication (optional), acknowledgement/preface/support (optional), table of contents, list of tables, list of figures, and other lists. Preliminary pages are paginated separately from the rest of the text. The title page is counted, but it is not numbered. Beginning with the page immediately following the title page, place page numbers in lowercase Roman numerals centered at the bottom of the preliminary pages. The Roman numerals are continued up to the first page of the text.

Proper order of preliminary pages:

1. Title Page

The title of the dissertation should be as concise as possible. It must occur consistently in every respect, including punctuation, capitalization, and hyphenation, on the abstract and approval forms. On the title page, the identical title must appear in all capital letters with each line centered on the page. The degree date should be the month in which the degree is conferred, e.g., May, August, or January. The title page is not numbered, but it is counted.

2. Copyright Notice (optional)

Copyrighting of the dissertation is optional but strongly recommended. If included, the copyright page follows the title page and is not numbered. The copyright symbol © should appear with your full legal name and the year centered between the margins on the page, e.g.,

© Copyright by David Akai Carter 2000

If the copyright option is chosen, the student must indicate this choice on the ProQuest contract and submit the copyright fee.

3. Approval Page

The approval page contains the title of the dissertation and the signatures of the Sponsor, committee member(s), department chairperson, and Graduate Dean. The name of each signing committee member should be typed under the appropriate signature. Signatures should be in black ink. The student must ensure that the form of the student's name is consistent on the manuscript title page, abstract page, and approval page. A lower-case Roman numeral is used on the approval page.

4. Abstract

The abstract should provide a succinct, descriptive account of the dissertation. The abstract should not exceed 150 words, should be double-spaced, and should adhere to the same style manual as the dissertation manuscript. The abstract should include pertinent place names, names of persons, and other proper nouns. These are useful in automated retrieval. A lower-case Roman numeral is used on the abstract page.

5. Dedication (optional)

the dedication is brief, single-spaced, and centered on the page (horizontally and vertically). No heading is used. The word "To" customarily begin the dedication.

6. Epigraph or Frontispiece (optional)

the epigraph is centered on its own page (horizontally and vertically). The text is single-spaced. No heading is used. The frontispiece or illustration is centered on the page (horizontally and vertically). It may be accompanied by a title, which is centered and positioned below the illustration.

7. Acknowledgement/Preface/Support (optional)

this section begins with the title ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS centered in all capital letters two inches from the top of the page. The text begins on the fourth line below the heading and is double-spaced. This page is used to thank those persons who have been instrumental to the student in completing the degree requirements. Acknowledgement of grants and special funding received to support the dissertation research also may be made on this page.

8. Table of Contents

The Table of Contents must include all chapter headings, the bibliography, and appendices. Preliminary pages are not included. Entries are double-spaced. Sub-headings are block-indented by half an inch. The headings of major sections (i.e., chapters, bibliography, appendices) are written in all capital letters. Table of Contents headings must be identical to those in the text. Page numbers listed must be right-justified and connected to the appropriate entry by a line of evenly spaced dot leaders (periods). The words TABLE OF CONTENTS must be centered on the page two inches from the top of the first page only.

9. List of Tables (if tables appear in document)

the heading, LIST OF TABLES, appears centered on the page two inches from the top of the first page only. All table numbers and captions are listed exactly as they appear in the text.

10. List of Figures (if figures appear in document)

the heading, LIST OF FIGURES, appears centered on the page two inches from the top of the first page only. All figure numbers and captions are listed exactly as they appear in the text.

11. Other Lists (e.g., nomenclature, definitions, glossary of terms, etc.)

The appropriate title in all capital letters is centered two inches from the top of the first page only.

Text

The text of the dissertation consists of the substantive chapters. The text must be double-spaced and printed on only one side of each page. The text must be divided into a logical scheme that is followed consistently throughout the document. The larger divisions and more important minor divisions are indicated by suitable, consistent headings. Chapter organization as practiced by the discipline should be followed. The student and the academic department are responsible for the quality and content of the text. Specific requirements for text presentation follow.

1. Headings and Subheadings

The student may use headings and subheadings to subdivide chapters or sections, but a consistent sequence of headings as identified in the style guide selected must be followed. The student may not change the sequence and style of headings from chapter to chapter. Once the sequence is chosen, it must be followed consistently throughout the dissertation. All chapter headings are positioned two inches from the top of the page.

2. Pagination

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