

**Department of Elementary and Social Studies Education
Dissertation Prospectus Content/Format Agreement Form**

Content/Format Agreement Form for: _____ (student's name)

The major professor and other doctoral committee members, in consultation with the student, should complete the form below to come to agreement upon and document the following:

1. What content should the dissertation prospectus include?

- a. (The following list provides examples of typical content included in a prospectus.)
 - a. Statement of the problem and why it is worth investigating
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - b. A partial review of the literature (enough to document the need for the project and to establish a theoretical rationale)
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - c. Clear statement of the research question(s)
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - d. Theoretical framework
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - e. Thorough description of procedures and methods to be employed in the investigation, such as participant selection, data gathering procedures, data analysis, etc.
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - f. Potential importance, implications, and limitations of the investigation
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - g. Anticipated time table for completing the dissertation project
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - h. References
 ___ Yes/ No ___ Comments: _____
 - i. Other _____?
 Comments: _____

2. What format should the prospectus take? (e.g., drafts of 3 dissertation chapters: theoretical framework, literature reviews, methodology; or equivalent information in another format, such as a research grant proposal)

3. What length should the prospectus be? (e.g., 20-35 pages long)

The major professor, committee members, and student should sign this form. Copies should be made for the student and committee members; the original should be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator to be kept in the student's file.

Major Professor	Committee member	Committee member	Student	Date

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