

EDAD 8192 - Seminar in Educational Research: Introduction Proposal Defense

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Ph. D., Evaluation, Measurement, and Applied Statistics, Kent State University 2007

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Course Description

8192. Seminar in Educational Research: Introduction & Proposal Defense. This course is for Doctoral Candidates who are in the process of developing and completing Chapter 1 of their dissertation. Doctoral Candidates will develop Chapter 1 which includes the background to the problem, problem statement, purpose statement, theoretical frame, limitation, operational definitions, methods, etc. relevant to the proposed research study. Finally, they will develop a presentation and defend their proposal to their committee. Admission to the Ed.D program required. Prereq. or Coreq.: EDAD 8191 and EDAD 8193. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	A concise guide to writing a thesis or dissertation: Educational research and beyond (2nd ed.).	Kornuta, H. M., & Germaine, R. W. (2019).	9780367174583
Optional	How to structure the research limitations section of your dissertation. Lund Research Ltd.	Lærd Dissertation	https://dissertation.laerd.com/how-to-structure-the-research-limitations-section-of-your-dissertation.php
Required	APA Manual 7.0	American Psychological Association	978-1-4338-3217-8

This text is provided as an e-text: A concise guide to writing a thesis or dissertation: Educational research and beyond (2nd ed.).

Access the Dissertation Handbook <https://ysu.edu/educational-leadership-dissertation-guidelines-handbook#tab-9976> **Password: edulead26**

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	McCombes, S. (2020). How to write a dissertation introduction. https://www.scribbr.com/dissertation/introduction-structure/	Chapter Introduction	Completed Introduction



8/31	McCombes,S. (2019).How to write a problem statement. Scribbr. https://www.scribbr.com/research-process/problem-statement/ Purpose Statement: retrieved from The purpose statement	Problem Statement & Purpose Statement	Completed Problem/Purpose Statement and Corrected Introduction
9/7	McCombes,S. (2021). Developing strong research questions. Scribbr. https://www.scribbr.com/research-process/research-questions/ Rudestam,K. J., & Newton, R. R. (2014). The method chapter: Describing your research plan. In Surviving your dissertation:A comprehensive guide to content and practice. SAGE. https://www.sagepub.com/sites/default/files/upm-binaries/14649_Chapter5.pdf	Research Statement and Methodology	Write Research Statement and Proposed Methodology; Corrections to Problem/ Purpose Statement
9/14	CUniversity of Southern California. (2021). Navigating the dissertation: Draft thesignificance of the study. http://dissertationedd.usc.edu/draft-your-significance-of-the-study.html	Significance of Study	Completed Significance of study; Corrected research questions and methodology
9/21	Laerd Dissertation. (2021). How to structure the research limitations section of your dissertation. Lund Research Ltd. https://dissertation.laerd.com/how-to-structure-the-research-limitations-section-of-your-dissertation.php	Role of the researcher and assumptions	Completed Role of the Researcher and Limitations; Corrected Significance of Study
9/28	University of Southern California. (2021). Navigating the dissertation: Explicate theDefinition of Terms. http://dissertationedd.usc.edu/explicate-the-definition-of-terms.html	Definition of Terms and Summary	Completed Definition of Terms and Summary; Corrected Role of the Researcher and Limitations
10/5	Tippins, S. (2020). Dissertation proposal defense: 12 tips for effective preparation. Beyond PhD Coaching. https://www.beyondphdcoaching.com/dissertation/dissertation-proposal-defense/	Proposal Defense Preparation	Complete Proposal Defense Document; Corrected Definition of Terms and Summary
10/12	Tippins, S. (2020). Dissertation proposal defense: 12 tips for effective preparation. Beyond PhD Coaching. https://www.beyondphdcoaching.com/dissertation/dissertation-proposal-defense/	Proposal Defense	Conducting Proposal Defense
10/19	No readings	Revisions	Revisions provided to the committee for feedback
10/26	No readings – complete updates and editing.	Completed Revisions	Submit final three chapters
11/2	No Reading	IRB Application	Sign up for Cayuse Login and Complete IRB Application
11/9	No Reading	Intent to Produce a Dissertation	Complete the Intent to Produce a Dissertation and Gather Committee Signatures
11/16	No Readings	Complete Needed Changes to IRB	Complete Needed Changes to IRB
11/23	No Readings	Complete IRB	Complete IRB
11/30	No Readings	No readings – complete updates and editing.	Prepare materials needed for data collection.
12/7	No Readings	No readings – complete updates and editing.	Prepare materials needed for data collection.

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