

EDAD 8196 - Seminar in Educational Research: Dissertation Defense

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Course Description

8196. Seminar in Educational Research: Dissertation Defense. This course is for Doctoral Candidates who are near the end of the dissertation process. Doctoral Candidates will prepare their dissertation defense and successfully defend their dissertation proposal to their committee. Finally, they will prepare the final version of their dissertation and submit to Graduate Studies. Prereq.: EDAD 8191, EDAD 8192, EDAD 8193, and EDAD 8194. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association	9781433832161
Required	Surviving Your Dissertation: A Comprehensive Guide to Content and Process (4th ed.)	Kjell E. Rudestam & Rae R. Newton	9781452203515
Optional	Dissertation resources, templates, Graduate School guides, and instructional materials provided through Blackboard and university resources	Various	NA

In addition to the required texts, students will make extensive use of Youngstown State University dissertation resources, including the Dissertation and Thesis Guide, dissertation templates, Graduate School forms, OhioLINK Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) resources, Blackboard

course materials, and scholarly literature related to their individual research topics. Additional resources may be recommended by the instructor or dissertation chair to support dissertation defense preparation, final manuscript revisions, Graduate School submission, and degree completion.

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	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24		Due 8/26 at 11:59pm: Pre-Course Quiz Blackboard Survey: EDAD 8196 Dissertation Defense & Completion Inventory
8/31		Due 8/30 at 11:59pm: Module 1: Assignment Due 8/30 before 11:59:23pm: Module 1: Discussion Due 8/30 at 11:59pm: Comprehensive Exam Acknowledgement
9/7		Due 9/6 at 11:59pm: Module 2: Assignment
9/14		Due 9/13 before 11:59:22pm: Module 3: Discussion Due 9/20 before 11:59:14am: Discussion Due 9/13 at 11:59pm: Module 3 Assignment
9/21		Due 9/20 at 11:59pm: Module 4 Assignment
9/28		Due 9/27 at 11:59pm: Module 5: Assignment Due 9/27 before 11:59:52pm: Module 5: Discussion Due 9/27 at 11:59pm: Professor AI: Preparing Your Defense (Optional)
10/5		Due 10/4 at 11:59pm: Module 6: Assignment Due 10/4 before 11:59:57pm: Module 6: Discussion
10/19		Due 10/18 at 11:59pm: Module 7: Assignment A Module 7: Assignment B Due 10/18 before 11:59:09pm: Module 7: Discussion

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