

EDAD 8196 - Seminar in Educational Research: Dissertation Defense

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Credit hours: 2

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

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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
Optional	A concise guide to writing a thesis or dissertation: Educational research and beyond (2nd ed.). Routledge	Kornuta, H. M., & Germaine, R. W. (2019).	13: 978-0-367-17457-6
Required	APA Publication Manual (7th Ed.)	American Psychological Assoc.	9781433832161

E-copies provided in Blackboard

Text: A concise guide to writing a thesis or dissertation: Educational research and beyond (2nd ed.). Routledge

Dissertation Defense Preparation (2025). Provided in Blackboard

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	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Completed Dissertation	Final Copy uploaded to Blackboard
8/31	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Completed Dissertation	Final Copy uploaded to Blackboard
9/7	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Completed Dissertation	Final Copy uploaded to Blackboard
9/14	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Completed Dissertation	Final Copy uploaded to Blackboard
9/21	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Final Presentation Preparation and Edits	Complete Dissertation and PPT presentation
9/28	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Final Presentation Preparation and Edits	Completed Dissertation and PPT presentation
10/5	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Final Presentation Preparation and Edits	Completed Dissertation and PPT presentation
10/12	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Final Presentation Preparation and Edits	Completed Dissertation and PPT presentation
10/19	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Final Presentation Preparation and Edits	Completed Dissertation and PPT presentation
10/26	Read and Complete the Dissertation Checklist and watch the provided YouTube Videos	Final Presentation Preparation and Edits	Completed Dissertation and PPT presentation
11/2	No Readings	Successful Defense of Dissertation	Copy of Chapter 1-5 is prepared according to the YSU template
11/9	No Readings	Successful Defense of Dissertation	Copy of Chapter 1-5 is prepared according to the YSU template
11/16	Review Ithenticate Report and Submission Guidelines provided by Grad School	Graduate School Submission of Dissertation	Complete Submission Requirements
11/23	Review Ithenticate Report and Submission Guidelines provided by Grad School	Graduate School Submission of Dissertation	Complete Submission Requirements
11/30	Review Ithenticate Report and Submission Guidelines provided by Grad School	Graduate School Submission of Dissertation	Complete Submission Requirements
12/7	Review Ithenticate Report and Submission Guidelines provided by Grad School	Graduate School Submission of Dissertation	Complete Submission Requirements

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