

HRS 8995 - Dissertation in Health Sciences

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42300,

Credit hours: 9

Instructor

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Course Description

8995. Dissertation in Health Sciences. HRS 8995 is the culminating research experience of the Ph.D. program in Health Sciences. The student is expected to design, propose, conduct, analyze, report and defend a topic that is germane to their area of interest and expertise. This project should be meaningful and contribute to the body of literature in their profession. Prereq.: Completion of Doctoral Comprehensive Examination.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
No readings			

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	Dissertation Chair and student agree on what work is to be accomplished during the semester. Each student should expect to contact their advisor and set up this meeting in the first week.	You must meet with the dissertation chair to set the standard for all milestones throughout the semester (this should be also approved by the dissertation committee). It is required that students and research advisor meet every other week for routine updates.
11/2	Week 11: Announce dissertation defense	Monday is the last day to announce dissertation defense
11/9	Week 12: Defend research	Monday is the last day to formally and publicly defend your dissertation.
11/23	Week 14: Submit Final Written Dissertation to Graduate College	Monday is the last day to submit written dissertation manuscript as agreed upon per project plan along with other completion documents to Graduate College.

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