

EDAD 8196 - Seminar in Educational Research: Dissertation Defense

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Credit hours: 2

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Communication Expectations:

Communication in this course is individualized and primarily conducted between the student and the dissertation chair. Students are expected to maintain regular, proactive communication regarding progress, questions, and scheduling of dissertation-related activities.

All course-related communication must be conducted using the official YSU email account. Students are responsible for checking their YSU email regularly and will be held accountable for all communications sent to that account.

Email is the preferred method of communication. The instructor will typically respond to emails within 24–48 hours on weekdays. Emails sent on weekends or holidays may receive a response on the next business day.

Given the nature of dissertation work, timely communication is essential. Students are expected to respond promptly to feedback from their dissertation chair and committee and to incorporate revisions in a timely manner.

Feedback on submitted materials (e.g., dissertation drafts, defense preparation materials) will be provided within a reasonable timeframe, depending on the length and complexity of the submission. Students should plan accordingly and allow sufficient time for review prior to deadlines such as defense scheduling and final submission to the Graduate School.

Clear, professional, and consistent communication is essential for successful completion of the dissertation process.

How to Refer to me:

Dr. Beese

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 the Graduate school. Prereq.: EDAD 8191, EDAD 8192, EDAD 8193, and EDAD 8194. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	Surviving your dissertation: A comprehensive guide to content and process (4th ed)	Kjell E. Rudestam & Rae R. Newton	x9781452260976
Required	Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association	143383216X
Optional	Dissertation resources, templates, formatting guides, and instructional materials provided through Blackboard and university resources	Various	NA

Students will make extensive use of Youngstown State University dissertation resources, including the Dissertation and Thesis Guide, dissertation templates, Graduate School forms, and other materials available through Blackboard and university websites. Additional scholarly resources may be recommended by the dissertation chair based on the student's research topic.

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
5/11	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	Professional Competence and Integrity	Discussion Board Dissertation Formatting Checklist
5/18	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	Administrative Clearance and the Graduation Application	Discussion Board Verification of Graduation Application
5/25	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	The Oral Defense — Scheduling and Presentation Strategy	Discussion Board Defense Scheduling and Presentation Deck
6/1	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	The Public Declaration of the Defense	Discussion Board Defense Announcement Verification
6/8	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	The Defense	Schedule Defense
6/15	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	The Defense continued	Discussion Board
6/22	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	The Defense continued	Chair Verification of Defense
6/29	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	Graduate School Submission of Dissertation	Discussion Board
7/6	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	Graduate School Submission of Dissertation continued	Submission Verification
7/13	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	Final Revisions	Discussion Board
7/20	Doctoral program resources, microsite, dissertation program guidelines	Ohio Link Submission	Ohio LINK Verification
7/27	Doctoral program handbook and dissertation program guidelines	Graduation Verification & Program Completion	Discussion Board
8/3	Doctoral program handbook and dissertation program guidelines	Graduation Verification & Program Completion Continued	Doctoral Exit Survey
8/10	State Licensure Resources	Licensure Completion	Discussion Board State Licensure Application

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