



Dissertation Agreement

Student Name: _____ Student Rocket Number _____

Course number: _____ Course Title _____

Credit Hours: _____ Semester and year (fall/spring/summer, year): _____

Instructor/Advisor: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Office Hours: _____ Office: _____

Doctoral students admitted to candidacy are eligible to earn dissertation credits. Working with their dissertation chair and committee, candidates explore original and specific research problems of a scholarly nature, requiring the application of advanced research skills and techniques to study. Candidates will produce an acceptable tangible product that meets the dissertation committee's expectations for adequate documentation of the research activity.

Objectives of Dissertation Activity for the semester

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Describe research concept | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare dissertation presentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop research plan/proposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare IRB protocol | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gather data | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analyze and interpret data | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft dissertation chapters | |

Activity and Product

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research concept paper presented and approved | Meet regularly with dissertation chair (check one) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research plan/proposal presented and approved | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRB protocol submitted and approved | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data gathered and organized | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data analyzed and presented | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissertation chapters completed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissertation presented and approved | |
- Once per week
 Once every other week
 Once per month
 Other (explain):

Rationale for Credit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate will be engaging in intensive study to prepare documents and presentations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate will be conducting extensive data collection | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate will be conducting extensive data analysis | |

Guidelines for assigning course grade: *(What type of grade – S/U, letter grade – will be assigned and how will the grade be determined)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory progress (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): |
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Student Signature

Instructor/Adviser Signature

Department Chair Signature

Agreements must be approved each semester **before** beginning dissertation activity. Candidates are responsible for obtaining signatures during the first week of classes and distributing a copy to each of their committee members.