

DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS FORM

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Application for Approval of Dissertation Prospectus: Cover Sheet and Instructions

Within three calendar months after passing the oral phase of their General Doctoral Examination, all doctoral students must submit an approved 4-7-page dissertation prospectus, attached to this cover sheet, to the Director of Graduate Studies. (Because of the uncertainties of summer staffing and funding, the months of May, June, and July are not counted; thus, for example, a student who passes the general exams in April must submit his or her prospectus not later than in the following October.) Students who fail to meet this deadline risk losing financial support at the end of that semester. All members of the student's advisory committee must approve the prospectus prior to its submission to the Director of Graduate Studies. So that the advisory committee can evaluate and help to define the proposal, each prospectus should

- (1) Describe the proposed topic,*
- (2) Specify the methods for developing the topic, and*
- (3) Succinctly survey the main primary and secondary materials to be used.*

Samples of recently approved prospectuses are available in the Graduate Student Resource file in HC 9022.

Student:

Proposed Dissertation Title:

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Chair of the Advisory Committee (signature for approval):

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Advisory Committee members (signature for approval):

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Date of final approval: