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- **Doctoral Dissertation Format Manual.** <https://www.unco.edu/graduate-school/pdf/thesis-capstone-dissertation/Dissertation-Capstone-Format-Manual.pdf>
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- **Thesis and Dissertation Formatting Using Microsoft Word** Canvas Module <https://unco.instructure.com/courses/86422>
- [Schedule of Deadlines](#) - Pay close attention to these dates for critical steps in completing your degree.

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If you plan to follow an alternate format in your dissertation, please ask your advisor to email a request to Carol Steward ASAP.

If you have any formatting or process questions regarding the dissertation, please feel free to contact Carol Steward (e-mail carol.steward@unco.edu).

Sincerely,

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