

Semester of Dissertation Defense

May 31, 2019

Timeline

- Apply for graduation early in the semester you wish to defend your thesis/dissertation (see deadlines below)
- Submit a draft version for formatting review [here](#) (see deadlines below) – the diss does not have to be finished at this point; it's just for formatting
 - I have created an account
 - Bob Briggs deals with all things formatting for SPA. He will be the one to review the formatting once submitted, so the formatting only has to pass him. For instance, he agreed that having lot and lof before the toc is fine
- Defend dissertation
 - I need to tell the Office of Graduate Studies two weeks before my defense that it's happening
 - I also need the external reader approved by the Office of Graduate Studies
- Make all the editorial changes your advisor and committee suggest
- Collect your chair and committee members' signatures on a printed copy of your title page
- Submit title page to be signed by the Dean of your school or college
- Check with your department/advisor to make sure all grades from previous semesters (e.g., thesis/dissertation research hours that have grades of IP) and the current semester have been submitted
- Submit final version of dissertation (see deadlines below) twice
 - Electronic copy in AU Digital Research Archive (AUDRA)
 - * Option 1: Open access for all
 - * Option 2: AU access only
 - ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database
 - * Option 1: Traditional Publishing. No charge for me, they can sell copies and I get a small portion of proceeds
 - * Option 2: Open Access. I have to pay them to make my paper open access, \$95. Bollocks, not doing that, open access through AUDRA anyway

Submission deadlines

- Spring
 - End of March for formatting and review
 - End of April final
- Summer
 - Mid-July for formatting and review
 - Beginning of August final
- Fall
 - Beginning of November for formatting and review
 - Beginning of December final

Graduation application deadlines

- To graduate in the spring: Beginning of February
- To graduate in the fall: End of October