

Doctoral Dissertation Procedure

The well-organized presentation of personal research is a requirement of the doctoral degree. Follow these guidelines to prepare the dissertation for defense and publication with the University Library.

Questions about dissertation procedures should be addressed to the St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Division at sicgr@stjohns.edu.

Enrollment during the Dissertation Process

The student is responsible for maintaining continuous enrollment throughout the dissertation process up until the conferral of degree. He/she must register of the appropriate research section for each semester of dissertation preparation, including defense and revision. Graduate students enrolling for only doctoral research (950 and 975) and psychology students enrolling in an internship must also complete full-time certification forms (available on the School Forms page) each semester.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Before any research with human subjects is conducted, all appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) approvals must be received. IRB forms and procedures may be found on the St. John's University web site.

Style and Format of Dissertation

Dissertating students must follow the style standards approved for their disciplines (below). Sample dissertations are also available for students to use as an example in formatting their own work:

- Biology: Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual Edition for Authors, Editors and Publishers
 - Example: http://jerome.stjohns.edu:81/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/849293087?ac countid=14068
- English: Modern Language Association Handbook
 - Example: http://jerome.stjohns.edu:81/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/1719282701?a
 ccountid=14068
- History: A Manual for Writers Kate Turabian
 - Example: http://jerome.stjohns.edu:81/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/1702054336?accountid=14068
- Psychology: Style Manual of American Psychological Association
 - Example: http://jerome.stjohns.edu:81/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/1799965486?accountid=14068

Dissertation Forms

- Approval for Doctoral Dissertation Research: After selecting a mentor and committee consisting of two full-time department faculty members, the student will submit this form, along with a research proposal, to the Dean's office. Please note that the committee, including the mentor, should total three faculty members.
- 2. <u>Readers' Copies Receipt:</u> Four months prior to the student's expected date of graduation, he/she must submit copies of the full dissertation (not a draft) to the mentor and committee members.
- 3. <u>Professors' Report to the Dean on Reader's Copy:</u> After each reader has evaluated the dissertation, he/she must report the findings to the Dean.
- 4. <u>Formal Notice of Final Oral Doctoral Defense:</u> The mentor and committee will propose a date for the final oral defense and note that the student has submitted a separate manuscript for publication review. Deadline dates for oral defenses are included in the Graduate Bulletin and Graduate Calendar.
- 5. <u>Final Oral Doctoral Defense Ballot:</u> At the final oral defense, the committee members will vote and write comments and recommendations. The presiding officer will verbally inform the student of the voting results, i.e.: approved as presented, approved with revisions, or failed.
- 6. Report of Oral Doctoral Defense to the Dean: The presiding officer of the defense committee will notify the Dean of the voting results and committee recommendations using this form. If the dissertation is approved with revisions, the student must comply with all recommendations made by the committee.
- 7. <u>Submission of Final Copy of Doctoral Dissertation:</u> The mentor must certify that the student has made all suggested revisions by signing this form.

Dissertation: Final Copies

- 1. After successfully defending your dissertation and making any changes required by the committee, you will follow the submission process outlined in the ETD LibGuide or 1-2-3 Submission. Both of these resources guide you through the creation of an account and submission of your dissertation in ProQuest ETD Administrator.
- 2. Your dissertation should follow the formatting guidelines below.
- 3. Once you submit your dissertation through ETD Administrator, the Dean's office will review your submission for formatting requirements and annotate the PDF using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If your dissertation requires changes, you will receive an e-mail at both your school and permanent e-mail addresses stating that either minor or major revisions are required. The e-mail will contain a list of required revisions and the PDF of your dissertation with comments from the Dean's office.
- 4. After making the required revisions, you will re-submit your dissertation to ETD Administrator by following the link in the e-mail. You will continue with the revisions until the Dean's office has determined that your dissertation meets all formatting requirements.
- 5. Once the Dean's office approves your dissertation, we will send your document to the Library for review. The Library will review your dissertation and send any necessary changes through ETD Administrator. The Dean's office will guide you through this process toward the Library's final acceptance of your dissertation.
- 6. Note: If you are using material under copyright, you must obtain written permission from the author(s) prior to publication.
- 7. The following must accompany the dissertation (see attached samples):
 - Title Page: The originals must bear the original signatures of the mentor and the candidate. The date used is that of your oral defense.
 - Abstract: An abstract of the dissertation of not more than 350 words, typed and double-spaced, must also include the title of the dissertation and the name of the candidate.
 - Vita

Calendar for Submission

The calendar for submission can be found here. These dates are designed to ensure that the dissertation is accepted before the deadline to graduate.

	January 2024	May 2024	September 2024
Submit Reader's Copies Dissertation/Thesis to Chair (Form 2/3)	Sunday,	Friday,	End of Summer
	October 15, 2023	March 15, 2024	Session I
Defend Dissertation/Thesis	Tuesday,	Sunday,	End of Summer
(Form 5)	October 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	Session II
Submit Dissertation/Thesis to the Dean's Office after Committee has approved it (Form 6)	Monday, November 20, 2023	Friday, April 19, 2024	
Submit Final Copy of Dissertation/Thesis to the Dean's Office (Form 7)	Monday,	Monday,	Wednesday,
	December 4, 2023	April 29, 2024	September 11, 2024
Submit Final Copy of Dissertation/Thesis to the Library	Monday,	Monday,	Wednesday,
	December 11, 2023	May 6, 2024	September 18, 2024

The checklist below will help you to record your progress:

<u>Form</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>
1	Approval for Doctoral Dissertation Research	
2	Readers' Copies Receipt	
3	Professor's Report to the Dean on Reader's Copy	
4	Formal Notice of Final Oral Defense	
5	Ballot – Final Oral Doctoral Defense	
6	Report of Oral Doctoral Defense to the Dean	
7	Submission of Final Copy of Doctoral Dissertation	

Dissertation Fees

All fees will be paid directly to ProQuest.

St. John's University Libraries Guidelines for Theses & Dissertations

Format and Style Specifications

Margins

- Margins on the left side of all pages must be at least 1 ½ inches and a minimum of 1 inch margin on the remaining 3 sides.
- For horizontal (landscape) pages, the 1 ½ inch margin would be at the top of the page so that it would align with the margins on the left side of all other pages.
- All charts, tables, photos, graphs, etc., must fit within these specified margins.

Pagination

- Preliminary pages should be numbered using lower case Roman numerals (i, ii, iii, iv, etc.) with some
 exceptions.
- The title page is understood to be Roman number i, but the number does not appear on the page.
- The copyright page and the abstract should not be numbered and do not count towards the numbering of preliminary pages.
- The **main body** of the thesis or dissertation, including appendices and references, should be numbered with **Arabic numerals** (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.).
- The vita should not be numbered.
- There should be **no blank pages** in the document.

Arrangement of Materials

Your thesis or dissertation should be arranged in the following order:

Title Page

- Title, degree name, department or division name, and school or college name should be in all CAPITAL LETTERS
- Signatures are on file with Dean's office and not required
- The title page is understood to be Roman number i, but the number does not appear on the page
 Fillable template: campusguides.stjohns.edu/dissertations/stjrequirements

Copyright Page

- The copyright page includes the candidate's name and the year of graduation
- Graduating year must be the same as provided in the ProQuest ETD Administrator
- The copyright page should not display a page number and is not counted when numbering preliminary pages
 Fillable template: campusguides.stjohns.edu/dissertations/stjrequirements
- Filing for copyright registration is optional and can be done when submitting through ETD Administrator for a fee of \$75.

Abstract

An abstract may not be more than 350 words.

- The title of the thesis or dissertation as it appears on the title page and the student's name must appear at the top of the abstract; the title and name do not count towards the 350 word limit.
- The abstract must be double spaced.
- The abstract page(s) should not display page number(s) and are not counted when numbering preliminary pages.
- Fillable template: campusguides.stjohns.edu/dissertations/stjrequirements

Dedication (optional)

• If a dedication is included, it should be numbered with lower case Roman numerals continued from the previous numbered section.

Acknowledgements (optional)

• If acknowledgements are included, they should be numbered with lower case Roman numerals continued from the previous numbered section.

Table of Contents

- The table of contents should be numbered with lower case Roman numerals continued from the previous numbered section
- The table of contents must have the following entries in the following order:
- Dedications, if used, with a lower-case Roman numeral
- Acknowledgements, if used, with a lower-case Roman numeral
- List of Tables and/or List of Figures, if used, with lower case Roman numeral(s)
- The first section of the Main Body, typically the Introduction or Chapter 1, depending on your discipline, numbered as page 1 as the first page numbered in Arabic numerals
- Other chapters and headings within the dissertation with Arabic numerals
- Appendices with Arabic numerals
- References with Arabic numerals
- The table of contents should NOT include the following entries:
- Title page
- Copyright page
- Abstract
- Table of Contents
- Vita

List of Tables/List of Figures (optional)

- If tables or figures are used within the thesis or dissertation, they must be listed.
- If lists are present, they must be numbered with lower case Roman numerals continued from the previous section.

Main Body, Appendices (optional), and References

• The main body of the thesis or dissertation, any appendices included, and references should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals.

Vita

- The vita is the last page and is unnumbered.
- The vita should list all of your prior degrees and certificates including: the name of the degree, the name of the college or university, the city of the college or university, the major, and the month and year of graduation.
- The vita should not include any personal information such as a birthday or address.
- Fillable template: campusguides.stjohns.edu/dissertations/stjrequirements

Other Considerations

- All theses and dissertations must be submitted electronically through ProQuest's ETD Administrator portal.
- St. John's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences students will submit through the general St. John's University ETD Administrator portal: www.etdadmin.com/cgi-bin/school?siteId=417
- For a guide to submitting your thesis or dissertation through the St. John's University portal, go to: campusguides.stjohns.edu/proquest_electronic_publishing_agreement
- For additional information on formatting your dissertation, go to: campusguides.stjohns.edu/dissertations/stjrequirements
- Personal print copies can be ordered when submitting through ETD Administrator, the starting price is \$51 for a hardcover and \$38 for a softcover.
- If the options to file for copyright and/or order personal print copies have been selected, they must be paid for at the time the thesis or dissertation is submitted.

Library Formatting Checklist for Students & Administrators

Margins

	Left side margin should be at least 1.5 inches; all other margins should be at least 1 inch
	For horizontal (landscape) pages, the 1.5 inch margin would be at the top of the page so that it would align with the margins on the left side of all other pages
	All charts, tables, photos, graphs, etc. must fit within these margins
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	Department or division name correct and in all caps
	School or college name correct and in all caps
	Does not display a page number but IS counted
	Signatures are on file with Dean's office and not required
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	Has the student's name and the appropriate graduating year
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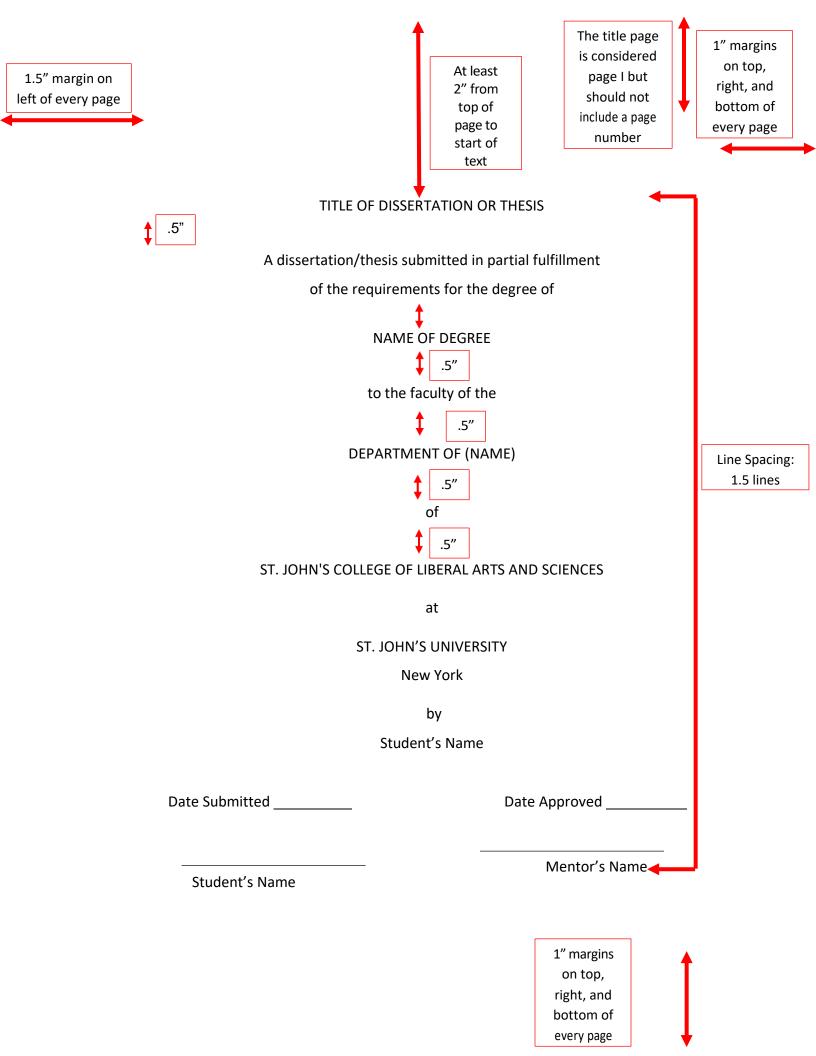
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- O Other chapters and headings within the dissertation with Arabic numerals

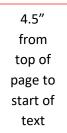
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College & Department Names

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY





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ABSTRACT

TITLE OF THE DISSERTATION OR THESIS

All remaining pages except the Vita are double spaced.

Student Name



Present a maximum 350-word summary of the study including (a) the main purpose or problem under investigation, (b) the specific characteristics of the participants (e.g., age/grade, sex, primary language), (c) the essential features of the research methodology (e.g., instruments, procedures, techniques for analyses), and (d) the significance and/or potential implications.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

Delete this note and the word optional in the heading; insert any acknowledgements here. Otherwise, delete this page. A dedication, if included, is considered page ii but does not have a page number. If you include a dedication, insert it on the page before this one and change the page numbers so that this is page iii. The dedication and/or the acknowledgements should be double spaced.

Preliminary pages use lower case Roman numerals

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Heading 2	
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The table of contents should contain each heading and subheading within the main body of the thesis or dissertation, appendices (if included), and references.

If you include both dedication and acknowledgments pages, the table of contents should be page iv. If you do not include both dedication and acknowledgements pages, this should be page ii.

LIST OF TABLES (OPTIONAL)

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LIST OF FIGURES (OPTIONAL)

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INTRODUCTION

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The main body, references, and appendices use Arabic numerals

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REFERENCES

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Name

Baccalaureate Degree

Date Graduated

Other Degrees and Certificates

Date Graduated

Student Name

Bachelor of Arts/Science, Name of University, City, Major: XXX

Month, Year

Professional Certificate in Subject (Year)

Master of arts/science, Name of University, City, Major: XXX

Month, Year

Make sure to include a date for each degree or certificate. Do not include the current degree. Avoid listing any other personal information, as this will be published on the internet. Delete this note.

The Vita does not have a page number



Approval Form for Doctoral Dissertation Research

Form 1 Name and X Number: _ Date: _____ Department: ___ Area of Specialization: (Please attach approved prospectus or research proposal.) **Dissertation Committee:** The mentor will distribute this form to all committee members for their signatures. Signature Name Date Name Signature Date Name Signature Date Signature Date Name **Topic and Committee Approval: Mentor Name** Mentor Signature Date Chair Name Chair Signature Date Associate Dean Signature Date Associate Dean Name **Comments:**



Doctoral Reader's Copy Receipt

Form 2

Candidate Name:	X Number:	
Department:		
A copy of this form must be distributed to each member of the signature confirming receipt of the reader's dissertation copy.	Dissertation Committee for a	
Signature of Dissertation Committee Member	Date	



Professor's Report to the Dean on Reader's Copy

Form 3

Please note: This form is confidential and should be transmitted to the Dean by each reader. It should not be given to the student. The University requires the Committee of Readers report separately and in writing to the Dean the result of their findings (see Graduate Bulletin).					
Name of Reader: Department:					
Candic	late (Name and X Number):				
Title of	Title of Dissertation:				
Please	check appropriate line:				
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Please	check appropriate line:				
	I recommend the oral defense be scheduled.				
	I recommend the oral defense be deferred.				
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Formal Notice of Final Oral Doctoral Defense

Form 4

Candidate Name:			X Number:	
Department:				
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Final Oral Doctoral Defense Ballot

Form 5

Candidate Name:	X Number:	
Department:		
Title of Dissertation:		
The examiner shall indicate whether candidate has passed or failed the or Passed Failed	al defense:	
Comments or recommendations for revisions or written text of dissertatio	n:	
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Signature of Examiner	Date	



Report of Oral Defense to the Dean

Form 6

Candidate:		x	Number:
Title of Dissertat	ion:		
Results of Voting			
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	☐ Dissertation approved with the following revisions:		
Additional Comn	nents:		
Signature of Chair		Date	
Signature of Assoc	iate Dean, Graduate Division	Date of St. John's Co	llege of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Please return to the Graduate Division, St. John's Cosjcgr@stjohns.edu.



Sciences, St. John Hall, Room 145 or

Submission of Final Copy of Doctoral Dissertation

Form 7

Candidate's X Number:	Date:
This is to certify that	, a candidate for the degree of Doctor of
Philosophy in the Department of	, has revised his/her doctoral dissertation /
research essay in accordance with the recommendations of the D	Dissertation Committee and in accordance with
University policy for formatting of dissertations.	
The mentor will distribute this form to members of the Dissertation recommended revisions have been made by the candidate. 1	
Mentor's Signature	 Date



Request to Change Mentor/Thesis Committee Member

Student Name:		Date:		
X Number:		Department:		
Topic or Title:				
Former Mentor		New Mentor		
Print Name		Print Name		
Signature		Signature		
Former Dissertation Commit	tee Member	New Dissertation Committee Member		
Print Name		Print Name		
Signature		Signature		
Rationale for Change				
Approval Signatures				
Chair Name Chair Signatu		re Date		
Associate Dean Name	 Associate Dea	an Signature Date		