Information Session About the Process for Submitting Your Final Paper

Wednesday, October 5, from 4:00 to 5:15 pm
220 Alison Hall

Dissertation
Thesis
Executive Position Paper (EPP) or Education Leadership Portfolio (ELP)

Ph.D. students
M.S. in HDFS students
Ed.D. in Educational Leadership students (depending on year of entry)

Agenda

Introductions

Faculty advice about forming your committee, developing a timeline for completion and achieving necessary milestones in order to stay on schedule

Dr. Amanda Jansen, School of Education
Dr. Barbara Settles, Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies

Rationale for the approval process and timeline

Kristine Ritz-Coll, Sr. Assistant Dean

Expectations for editing and submitting an on-time quality finished product and writing resources

Christina Johnston, Assistant Dean, Graduate Student Services

Timeline

Process for submitting forms
Tips for success

Questions?

Registering for Dissertation/Thesis/EPP/ELP Credits or Sustaining
Contact David Hannah to register for thesis credits (HDFS 869), dissertation credits (EDUC/HDFS 969) or the EPP (EDUC 969) or ELP courses (EDUC 880, 881, 882). His contact info is on the next page.

If you need to be registered in sustaining status, please contact David Hannah and he will request that from Mary Martin in the Office of Graduate and Professional Education (fees below).

Not meeting the published deadlines can result in your graduation semester being delayed and if you are not registered in other courses, you will be required to be registered in sustaining status until your degree is conferred. The fee for sustaining status is $993 for doctoral students and $658 for master’s students per semester.

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School of Education Doctoral Defense and Graduation Procedures
http://www.education.udel.edu/resources/doctoral-defense-and-graduation-procedures/

Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Handbook
http://www.hdfs.udel.edu/graduate-handbook/

Writing Resources

On campus:

- **UD Writing Centers** (in Memorial Hall and Morris Library). Please note that these centers provide lesson or tutorial-centered writing support. While the tutors do not provide editing services, they can help students identify common errors and walk them through a few examples. These tutors are especially helpful for general writing support (these statements, organization, topic sentences, and paragraph unity, for example): https://www.writingcenter.udel.edu/

- **The Writing Center Dissertation Bootcamp.** A two-week summer and winter program that provides general tutorials and gives participants time to write within a structured environment. Graduate students in English serves as the "tutors on hand" during the program. Participants must apply, and they must be in a PhD program: https://www.writingcenter.udel.edu/for-graduate-students/dissertation-boot-camp

- **Dissertate Write Now!** An intensive weekly 2-hour workshop for PhD students who are writing their dissertations or have found their writing progress stalled. At each session, participants spend the majority of their time writing; however, the workshop will also include brief presentations on topics of common interest to dissertation students. https://www.writingcenter.udel.edu/for-graduate-students/dissertate-write-now


Hiring freelance editors

- **Upwork.** Site for hiring freelancers in writing and a range of creative industries. While the freelancers are not vetted by the organization, Upwork tracks their "success" rate (clients can rate freelancers after a job is completed) and encourages freelancers to build a portfolio and take competency tests. Interested students can also search for freelancers according to their price point and work remotely: https://www.upwork.com