Graduate School of Education
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION PROCESS AND FORMS
INFORMATION FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS
Proposal and Defense Scheduling process

ALL FORMS IN THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE AT
http://www.uml.edu/Education/Current-Students/Forms.aspx

Form A-Checklist (kept in the candidate’s file in the Dean’s office throughout the program)

Form B-Dissertation Committee Request
Once the candidate has chosen (and faculty have agreed upon) a committee, Form B should be submitted with the signatures of the dissertation chair and committee members as soon as possible and not later than two weeks prior to a scheduled proposal hearing.

NOTE: Candidates often do not realize that Form B is required to schedule a proposal hearing, and as a result, they have to scramble at the last minute in an attempt to get the required signatures on the form in order for their hearing to go forward. It would alleviate some of this confusion if when a faculty member initially agrees to serve as the dissertation chair, you ask the candidate for the form so it can be signed immediately (even if other committee members are not decided upon). Candidates can obtain the other signatures as faculty members agree to serve on the committee.

Form C-Application for Proposal Hearing
Once the committee has approved the candidate to schedule a proposal hearing, s/he should contact Kathleen at Kathleen_Hennessy@uml.edu or via telephone at 978-934-4602 to schedule a room for the hearing and submit the following items no later than 2 full weeks (10 working days) prior to the planned hearing date:
   a. Form C (application for proposal hearing)
   b. Electronic copy of the full proposal
   c. Electronic copy of the abstract (as a separate email attachment from the full proposal)

CHAIR ACTION: Immediately following the proposal hearing, the chair should inform the Dean’s office of the outcome.

Form D-Application for Dissertation Defense
Once the committee has approved the candidate to schedule a dissertation defense, s/he should contact Kathleen_Hennessy@uml.edu or via telephone at 978-934-4602 to schedule a room for the hearing and submit the following items no later than 2 full weeks (10 working days) prior to the planned hearing date:
   d. Form D (application for dissertation defense)
   e. Electronic copy of the full dissertation
   f. Electronic copy of the abstract (as a separate email attachment from the dissertation)

Form E-Dissertation Outcome
CHAIR ACTION: Completed immediately after the defense and returned to the Dean’s Office.

Form F-Request for Change of Dissertation Committee Membership-Post Proposal Defense

Additional Non GSE Forms:
Library Dissertation Processing - This form must be obtained from the library. The candidate receives a link to the form once they have filed their Declaration of Intent to Graduate form.
Declaration of Intent to Graduate - This form can be found at http://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/Forms/Academic-Forms.aspx

December 2015
Candidate:___________________________________________________________

Program:
Ph.D._____________________________________________________Ed.D. Leadership in Schooling___STEM Option:____

Date of entry into the program: ___________ Anticipated Completion: _______

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Proposal Hearing

Date: ________________

Result/Action:

__________________________________________

Final Defense

Date: ________________

Result/Action (see form)

Pass    ________
Pass with revisions ________
Major revisions ________
Fail     ________
Graduate School of Education
Dissertation Committee Request

Ph.D.      Ed.D.

Candidate’s Name: ________________________________

Candidate’s Program Area: __________________________

Requested Chair:

NAME ____________________________ SIGNATURE

Requested Member 2:

NAME ____________________________ SIGNATURE

Requested Member 3:

NAME ____________________________ SIGNATURE

Requested Member 4

NAME ____________________________ SIGNATURE

If the proposed committee does NOT meet current policy, please provide reason(s) for the requested deviation. Please attach supporting credentials of non-UML committee members as appropriate:

Policy: 1.) Chair from program
2.) 2nd reader from program
3.) 3rd reader from GSE

Program signatures are only required if the committee does not meet current policy.

Approved by Program ________________________________

Area faculty

________________________________

________________________________

Approved by Faculty Chair: ________________________________
(Required)

Approved by Dean: ________________________________

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO REQUESTING A PROPOSAL DEFENSE DATE

December 2015
Graduate School of Education
Application for Dissertation Proposal Hearing

Ph.D.       Ed.D.

Candidates Name: ____________________________________________

Program:

Ph.D._________________________________________Ed.D. Leadership in Schooling:_______STEM Option:_______

Proposal Title: ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Abstract provided: ________

Proposal submitted to office: ________

Date of hearing:__________  Time of hearing:_______________

Room for hearing:__________

Chair’s signature:_________________________    Date:__________

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DEAN’S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE

December 2015
Graduate School of Education
Application for Defense of Dissertation

Ph.D.       Ed.D.

Candidates Name: ________________________________________________________

Program:
Ph.D._________________________ Ed.D. Leadership in Schooling     STEM:_______

Dissertation Title: ______________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Abstract provided:     _____

Proposal submitted to office:    _____

Date of defense:______________ Time of defense:______________

Room for defense:___________

Chair’s signature:_________________________     Date:______________

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DEAN’S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEFENSE DATE

December 2015
Graduate School of Education
Dissertation Defense Outcome

Candidate:__________________________________________________________

Date of Defense:____________________________________________________

Decision:

PASS

PASS (with minor revisions)

Major revisions required

Other

______________________________________________

Repeat Defense Required: Yes or No

Brief synopsis of work the student must complete:

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Expected timeframe for completion, by: _____________________________ (date)

Chair Signature:_____________________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DEAN’S OFFICE AFTER THE DEFENSE.

December 2015
Graduate School of Education
Request for Change of Dissertation Committee
Membership-Post Proposal Defense

Ph.D.     Ed.D.

The candidate is requesting a change in his/her dissertation committee for the following reason(s): (Pages may be attached to this form).

Meeting with the original committee members on:_______

Decision:
Request granted_____    Request denied_____

Faculty signatures:

______________________________

______________________________

______________________________

______________________________

Meeting with the Faculty Chairperson on:_______

Meeting of the Dissertation Review Committee on:_______

Decision:
Request granted_____    Request denied_____

Explanation:

Signatures  ______________________  ______________________

______________________________  ______________________

December 2015
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Thesis/Dissertation Processing  

MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT  

Please complete this form and submit it with copies of your thesis or dissertation for processing at Lydon Library. Submissions must be accompanied by 2 additional copies of the title page and 1 additional copy of the abstract. 

Call (978) 934-5905 to schedule an appointment. Kelly_Morin@uml.edu  

All fields on this page must be completed. 

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220 PAWTUCKET STREET, UNIVERSITY CROSSING, SUITE M10
LOWELL, MA 01854

For Summer completion: Degrees conferred on August 31, 2015
Deadline to apply: August 1, 2015
Deadline to submit thesis/dissertation to Library: August 14, 2015

For Fall completion: Degrees conferred on February 1, 2016
Deadline to apply: December 4, 2015
Deadline to submit thesis/dissertation to Library: December 10, 2015

For Spring completion: Degrees conferred on May 14, 2016
Deadline to apply: April 1, 2016
Deadline to submit thesis/dissertation to Library: April 29, 2016

I intend to graduate in: ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________ MI ______

SiS ID# ___________________________ Telephone ___________________________ E-mail ___________________________

Degree ___________________________ Major ___________________________ Option ___________________________

Previous Degree Information (Students must fill out and please do not abbreviate the name of the school.)

Bachelor’s Degree (BS, BA...) ☐ Country ______ Year ______ School ___________________________

Other Degree (BS, BA...) ☐ Country ______ Year ______ School ___________________________

If Required by Program:
Thesis/Dissertation Title ___________________________ Anticipated Defense Date ______

Please be aware a student will not be cleared to graduate until a final review by the academic department confirms that
the student has successfully completed all requirements for the degree.

I certify that the student has met all requirements of the degree program pending successful completion of the final semester
grades and/or submission to the library for publishing.

Thesis/Dissertation Advisor (if applicable) ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

Graduate Coordinator ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

I understand that I must register for a course or for Continuing Matriculation during the semester in which I
graduate. (International students must have ISSO approval for course registrations for fewer than nine credits).

Date ___________________________

Student Signature ___________________________

Please submit the completed form by email, fax, mail or in person to the Registrar’s Office (see above).

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