

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctoral Dissertation Proposal (D-5)

A copy of the dissertation proposal should be filed with the Graduate School with this form. The proposal, prepared in a scholarly style appropriate to the discipline, may be brief.

Prior to filing this proposal, the dissertation committee should meet with the student for an oral defense of the proposal. The dissertation proposal must be accepted by the Graduate School before a doctoral student completes the sixth semester of study, or before the student takes more than four hours of dissertation credit, whichever comes later.

It is understood that the dissertation research may evolve in directions quite different from the Dissertation Proposal, and the proposal is not intended to restrict the normal development of a research project. The dissertation proposal is in no way a contract between the University and the student. Depending on the outcome of the research, the dissertation may require substantially more work than anticipated at the stage of the dissertation proposal. The termination of a line of research and the adoption of a substantially new dissertation project will require the preparation, oral defense, and acceptance by the Graduate School of a new dissertation proposal.

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Dissertation Topic: _____

WRITTEN APPROVALS: Approve - Disapprove (Circle One)

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If the research involves animals or human subjects, this form must be accompanied by proof of approval by the appropriate committee.