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The Office of Graduate Studies requires that all students submitting a thesis or dissertation MUST complete the steps listed below in order to properly submit their Electronic Thesis or Dissertation.

ETD SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Attend the ETD Workshop OR Complete the Online ETD Workshop ([LINK](#))

In order to understand the ETD process, deadlines, and How to format your ETD.

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Register for two (2) credit hours of thesis (6971) or dissertation (7980) in the semester you are submitting your ETD through the ETD Process.

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Complete the ETD Process Online Registration. This must be completed prior to the deadline for document submission in order to have your name included in the Commencement program.

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Complete the Survey of Earned Doctorates. At the end, you will receive an email with a certificate of completion.

- Print the SED Certificate of Completion to include with the ETD Certificate of Approval.**

Plagiarism Check ([LINK](#))

Work with your Major Professor to submit a text only copy of your Thesis or Dissertation in Canvas to be run through the Turnitin plagiarism check. The professor will review the results, ensuring there is no actual plagiarism in the document. You or your professor will need to print the first page of the results and turn that in with the Certificate of Approval.

- First Page of Plagiarism Summary to include with the ETD Certificate of Approval.**

Successful Defense Form (From the college)

Your college may require the completion and submission of a Successful Defense Form. If so, bring this form to the defense.

ETD Certificate of Approval ([LINK](#))

Be sure to complete (typed – not handwritten) the ETD Certificate of Approval and bring with you to your defense – so that the committee may sign and date the form.

- Complete the top section by typing in – do not handwrite, as it needs to be legible.
- Read and complete all sections on the first page, printing and signing your name.
- Complete all of the second page
- Type the names and email addresses for yourself and your committee.

Thesis/Dissertation Defense

Successfully defend your thesis/dissertation. If the committee requests changes or revisions, make them and once the committee approves, they should sign and date both the ETD Certificate of Approval (Grad Studies) and the Successful Defense Form (College).

- Once all committee-requested corrections/additions are final, obtain the Approval Signatures from your entire committee (and your own signature).
- *If a committee member is not able to sign the form in person, they may sign a second Certificate of Approval (with your information at the top), scan it, and send back to you.

Committee Verification Signatures

Once approved, the completed, signed ETD Certificate of Approval must be signed by the Dean (or designee) of the College. If you are in the College of Arts & Sciences or the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, the Program Director must sign.

- Obtain the necessary signatures (Dean/Program Director)
- Submit the Successful Defense Form to the department or college (follow instructions on that form – each college has its own form).

Submit the ETD Certificate of Approval Packet to the Office of Graduate Studies ([LINK](#))

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- ETD Certificate of Approval, completed and signed
- First page of the Plagiarism Results Summary.
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ProQuest Submission of ETD ([LINK](#))

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Associate Dean				
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