

STAP DISSERTATION DEFENSE PROCESS

Working on the Dissertation

Once a student has advanced to candidacy by passing the Qualifying Examinations, a Dissertation Committee of three faculty members will be nominated by the student and supervisor and appointed by the Graduate Dean. The Dissertation Committee is chaired by the faculty supervisor. The Dissertation Committee meets with the student at least once per year to review progress and provide advice. It is the responsibility of the Dissertation Committee to evaluate the dissertation, provide advice, and eventually sign off on the completed document. Please consult with your chair about providing a draft before the defense.

Dissertation Defense

Before the dissertation is given final approval, the student must present a public lecture on the dissertation research to faculty and students in the program. Following the public lecture, the student will meet with the Dissertation Committee for an oral defense in accordance with regulations of the Graduate Division.

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