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.



STAP DISSERTATION DEFENSE PROCESS

Review the Dissertation/Thesis Filing Checklist on Graduate Division's Website Review your Degree Audit in **R'Web** Please notify Margarita if there are any discrepancies At least 4 weeks in advance

Complete the STAP PhD Dissertation Defense Request Form

(Wufoo Form) At least 4 weeks in advance

Dissertation Defense

Margarita will email you and your committee chair **Form 5** and the instructions for the defense.

Provide a draft of the dissertation to the Dissertation Committee

Speak to your dissertation chair about how far in advance this should be provided

Return Form 5 back to Margarita.

Please ensure all the committee members have signed.

