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Culminating Experience Procedures

Instructions for Completing Culminating Experience Proposal

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The culminating experience must be met by the satisfactory completion of a thesis, special project, comprehensive examination, and/or an oral defense of the work (courses: 890, 892, 893, 894, 895, 898, 998).

Steps to Completion:

Submit your Culminating Experience Proposal to GradStop (ADM 250) by the deadline a semester prior to registering in your culminating experience course.

Your Culminating Experience Proposal must be approved by your Culminating Experience Committee. When research involves human or animal subjects, approval of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or University Animal Care and Use Committee (UACUC) is required. The website for the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs - Human and Animal Protections is <http://research.sfsu.edu/protocol/>.

Selection of Culminating Experience Committee:

The committee must consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of five members.

The chair and the second member of your committee must hold tenured/tenure-track faculty appointments in your major department.

In circumstances where special expertise is available in another department, the graduate dean may authorize a designated tenured/tenure-track faculty member from a related department to serve as second reader.

With special permission, some long-term lecturers with terminal degrees in their field or with special expertise may serve as the second reviewer provided their curriculum vitae is on file in the Division of Graduate Studies.

The third member of a committee may be a lecturer or from outside the major department or university. Lectures or readers outside the university must have current curriculum vitae on file in the Division of Graduate Studies.

To officially change the composition of your committee, you must submit a Petition for Committee Revision to GradStop (ADM 250).

Registration and Grading for Culminating Experience Courses:

You must have an approved Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) form and Proposal for Culminating Experience on file in the Division of Graduate Studies. Registration in a Culminating Experience course will not be permitted until your Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) form and Proposal for Culminating Experience are approved in the Division of Graduate Studies.

You must have a 3.0 GPA in all post-baccalaureate course work completed.

Important Notes:

If you do not complete the course by the end of the semester of registration you will receive a grade of RP (Report in Progress). Do not register for the course again. When the project is completed, be sure that your committee chair files a grade change to CR (Credit) with the Registrar's Office.

A Report of Completion must be filed for internships, field studies, or creative work projects. A Thesis Receipt signed by Graduate Studies is required for thesis or written creative work.

Students admitted or re-admitted to a Graduate Program in Fall 2008 or later must adhere to the Continuous Enrollment Policy as stated in the bulletin. After the semester of enrollment in the Culminating Experience and the subsequent (grace period) semester, all graduate students are required to maintain continuous enrollment through the College of Extended Learning (CEL) until the degree is earned.

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1. Install latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. Click here for Free Adobe Acrobat Reader <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.
2. Save the PDF form to your computer desktop prior to entering your personal information.

PROPOSAL FOR CULMINATING EXPERIENCE
ACCT 890: Culminating Experience Seminar
(MS Accounting Students Only)
Report of Completion Required

Complete, print and file this form with the Division of Graduate Studies in accordance with guidelines published in the University *Bulletin*.

NO HANDWRITTEN FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

1. Official Degree Title as listed in the University Bulletin:

Science

Accountancy

Master of _____ Major _____

Concentration or emphasis (if applicable) _____

2. Name _____ Student ID _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

3. Check here if this is a REVISED proposal (withdrawing previous proposal)

4. I plan to register for the 890 course in (enter term and year): _____ or I previously registered for the 890

5. Description (must fit in space allotted):

The purpose of this project is to study the development of international accounting standards and accounting ethics. The research methods will include the completion of a case on ethics and a review of current published official pronouncements, journal articles (such as Accounting Horizons, Accounting Review, and Journal of Accountancy) and other publicly available information. A general study of international accounting standards will be conducted individually while the ethics case and a detailed study of one area where GAAP and IFRS are different will be conducted in small groups limited to three individuals. Each student has individual identifiable research and writing responsibilities within the small groups, and will be evaluated accordingly. The outcome of this project will be a report that will provide a better understanding of where the practice of accounting worldwide is headed and how accountants will operate within ethical parameters of the global accounting profession.

6. SUPERVISING COMMITTEE: must include a minimum of two TENURED or TENURE TRACK faculty members from the student's major department
Committee Chair:

_____ @sfsu.edu

SIGNATURE

Clearly TYPE/PRINT NAME, ACADEMIC RANK AND DEPT.

EMAIL (REQUIRED)

Other committee member(s):

2nd _____

SIGNATURE

Clearly TYPE/PRINT NAME, ACADEMIC RANK AND DEPT.

3rd _____

SIGNATURE

Clearly TYPE/PRINT NAME, ACADEMIC RANK AND DEPT.

7. DEPARTMENT CHAIR/GRADUATE COORDINATOR: I have reviewed the above proposal including the composition of the supervising committee and find it acceptable for meeting the culminating experience requirement for the master's degree in the major indicated.

SIGNATURE

Christopher Kingston, Dir, COB Grad Advising

TYPE/ PRINT NAME AND TITLE

DATE

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Accepted by Division of Graduate Studies _____ Date _____