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Culminating Experience Procedures

Instructions for Completing Culminating Experience Proposal

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 through DocuSign by the deadline a semester prior to registering in your culminating experience course. **The deadlines for submission to Graduate Studies are April 1 for fall course enrollment and November 1 for spring course enrollment.**

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 completed Petition for Committee Revision to culminatingexperience@sfsu.edu.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: in order save your personal information on the following PDF forms, you will need to:

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
890: Culminating Experience Seminar
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:	
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*):

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

Do not complete this section if you are submitting your PCE through DocuSign

Committee Chair:

SIGNATURE	TYPE/PRINT First and Last NAME , RANK AND DEPT.	EMAIL (REQUIRED)

Other committee member(s):

2nd _____		
SIGNATURE	TYPE/PRINT First and Last NAME , RANK AND DEPT.	
3rd _____		
SIGNATURE	TYPE/PRINT First and Last NAME , 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

TYPE/ PRINT FULL NAME AND TITLE

DATE

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Accepted by Division of Graduate Studies _____