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I. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FILING OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The requirements described in this [Thesis and Dissertation Manual](#) have been established so that paper and electronic theses are presented in a form suitable for the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. The thesis is a product of original thinking and research, and it is, therefore, designed to appear in a form comparable to a published work. These requirements apply to all theses and dissertations submitted for graduate degrees at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

It is your responsibility to read and follow the requirements presented here and to submit documents of highest quality. Final copies will not be accepted with handmade corrections, insufficient margins, inconsistent formatting, or if they are of such poor print quality that reproduced copies cannot be made.

"THESIS" OR "DISSERTATION"

The word "thesis" refers to the research paper required for the master's degree; "dissertation" refers exclusively to the doctoral degree research paper. For convenience, in this document, the word thesis will be used to represent both. All requirements that apply to the master's thesis pertain to the doctoral dissertation. There are, however, additional requirements that apply only to the dissertation. In the case of these requirements, dissertation will be specified.

THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

A thesis advisory committee must be established. This committee will consist of the thesis advisor, and at least two other members of the graduate faculty, possibly including a member from an allied program. All committee members must have an active Graduate Faculty appointment during the time they serve on the committee. Please confirm with your department that all committee members have an active appointment prior to any convening of the committee.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

A dissertation advisory committee shall consist of five members of the graduate faculty, including one member who is either from an allied department or from another institution, provided the faculty member has been granted "Special" membership on the Graduate Faculty. All committee members must have an active Graduate Faculty appointment during the time they serve on the committee. Please confirm with your department that all committee members have an active appointment.

DEADLINES

Application for Admission to Candidacy

An Application for Admission to Candidacy must be submitted to the Graduate School office by the published deadline to apply for graduation. *Applications* submitted after these dates will be processed for the next graduation period. Consult the website for information and deadlines on the [Current Student- Steps to Graduation](#) page.

Scheduling of final examination/thesis defense

You must defend your thesis at least 30 days prior to the actual graduation date. Check the deadline dates [online](#).

Submission of thesis

You must submit your thesis to the Graduate School by the specified deadline of the term you are graduating. Check the deadline dates [online](#). Your thesis will be submitted electronically (through ProQuest), approved for formatting, and then submitted in hard copy. To be considered for graduation all documents must be submitted and approved by the deadline. These steps can take several days so plan accordingly when thinking through your timeline. Submission information can be found online at the [Current Students webpage](#).

REGISTRATION

You must be registered for the term in which you defend your thesis. Doctoral students must register for a minimum of 1 dissertation hour. Master students need to register for a minimum of 1 thesis hour. If a student has reached their maximum number of thesis or dissertation credits and have completed all other requirements for their degree, they can register as Candidate for Degree for zero credits. Students defending on a date that falls during a period between terms must be registered during the previous semester. The student does not need to register for the following semester if they defend prior to the start of the upcoming semester. You do not have to be registered to submit the final copy of the thesis to the Graduate School.

SUBMISSION

The Graduate School accepts theses electronically, uploaded as a PDF document through the ProQuest website. Once the electronic pdf is approved for formatting, the Graduate School also requires submission of one hard copy for the university archives. The library will bind additional personal copies (no more than 10) of the thesis or dissertation at the current rate of \$15.00 per copy). Information is available online on the [Current Students website](#). This site contains information regarding fees and links to the information about the submission process.

Your program/department may also request/require a paper copy(ies) of your thesis. Please check with your program/department for any additional requirements.

FEES

Upon submitting the thesis, you will be required to select “Traditional” or “Open Access” publishing. “Traditional” publishing is free, “Open Access” publishing will result in higher publishing fees. Please consult the [ProQuest website](#) for more information on these options. Fees are subject to change at any time. The bound hard copies can be paid for by check made out to “UCCS”.

Traditional publishing	free
Fees for binding Archive copy	\$ 15.00
Open Access publishing (optional in place of traditional)	\$95.00
copyright registration (optional)	\$55.00

SIGNATURE AND AGREEMENT OF THE THESIS/DISSERTATION

The [Electronic Thesis/Dissertation Signature and Agreement form](#) is submitted to the Graduate School with the final copy of the thesis. It is not a physical page of the thesis itself. The signed form signifies that the committee has approved the content and format of the thesis for submission. The second page of the form is filled out by the student to release the document to the UCCS Digital Collections. The form becomes a University document so care should be taken to keep the form unblemished prior to submission to the Graduate School (no staples, folding, white-out...). The statement may or may not be produced on thesis-quality paper. A copy of the signature and agreement form is provided in the sample pages later in this manual. The statement is in addition to the Committee page (the second page of the thesis). **Please note that the statement requires original or authenticated digital signatures of all members of the committee, not copies.**

APPROVAL OF FORMAT

The [Approval of Format](#) form is signed by the committee chair acknowledging the correct format and style are used in the thesis. It also confirms that, if institutional committee approval was required, the documents are included in the thesis (e.g., IRB approval protocol). This document will be turned in with the hard copy thesis submitted to the Graduate School.

FINAL APPROVAL BY THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School will accept the submitted thesis if it meets the minimum requirements. The responsibility for producing a document that reflects one's professional accomplishment rests with the student, the advisor, and the degree-granting program. Once the thesis is approved by the Defense Committee, the Approval of Format form is signed, the Signature and Agreement form is signed, and the thesis meets the minimal standards of the Graduate School, the thesis must be uploaded to Proquest for final review and acceptance by the Graduate School. Instructions and guidelines for submission are available online on the [Current Students Webpage](#). Once approved electronically, the student will make an appointment with the graduate school to bring in the hard copy, 2 signed forms, and fee for binding to complete the submission process.

COPYRIGHTING

Doctoral and master's students may apply to have the copyright on their thesis registered. ProQuest can handle the registration. Additional information regarding copyrighting is provided on the [ProQuest](#) site. If you have already published the materials in the thesis, then it probably already has the copyright registered.

Inclusion of Previous Publications and Copyrighted Materials

The inclusion of previously published work is permissible within the following guidelines:

1. The work must represent research conducted while enrolled in the Master's or Ph.D. program and must not have been previously used to fulfill the requirements of another degree.
2. The student must be the sole or primary author of the published work; when multi-authored articles are included, the student's contribution and how it relates to the thesis must be clearly explained in the introduction or body of the text.
3. Simply binding reprints or collections of publications together does not constitute a thesis in concept or format. Previously published work must be logically connected

and integrated into the thesis in a rational and coherent manner, as well as reformatted to fit the thesis specifications.

If other copyrighted materials are included in a thesis, they may not be used without the permission of the publishers or copyright owners.

Copyright Guidelines - Facts in Brief

The student automatically retains the copyright to his/her own work unless it has been signed over to someone else. The student has the option to register the copyright through Proquest. If you have questions, please consult the copyright information on the Proquest site or contact the UCCS library.

II. THESIS AND DISSERTATION FORMAT

This section provides the Graduate School's formatting specifications for theses and dissertations presented for graduate degrees at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. We recommend that you consult a style guide or standard handbook for more detailed specifications of content style for your field. Your program should be able to provide information on any requirements specific to your field of study.

STYLE

You should consult with your thesis advisor or thesis committee chair about an appropriate style guide that describes formatting details not included here. The thesis must be organized in chapters regardless of what format your thesis advisor, committee chair, program advisor, or any style manual may recommend. You should also follow proper outlining guidelines regarding headings (i.e., no single subheadings at any level).

TYPE

The thesis must be typed. The font size should be between 10 and 12 point. The font style and point size you choose will be used for everything throughout the thesis (all text, page numbers, footnotes, figure captions, table titles (you may use a smaller point within the table). Throughout the thesis, mixing and matching of font style or size is not permitted. Script type may not be used. Equations, formulas and words within figures must also be typed. Handwriting is not acceptable within the thesis text but may be used in a figure if it is a necessary part of the figure. Full justification is permitted in the thesis, but if utilized must be applied throughout the thesis to all text.

In submitting a thesis electronically, students should consider that ProQuest recommends that you embed your fonts in the document. Additionally, they suggest that you create the document with TrueType fonts such as Times-Roman or Helvetica. These fonts will assist with the conversion process to a PDF and the subsequent upload to the ProQuest site.

THESIS ORGANIZATION

The final copy of the thesis submitted to the Graduate School must be organized in the following order. The starred items (*) are required in every thesis; the other items are optional. Examples of

formatting for these items are provided in the sample pages. Each division listed (1-14) and each chapter begins on a new page.

- *1. Title Page
2. Copyright Page (not counted as a page for pagination purposes)
- *3. Committee Page
- *4. Abstract
5. Dedication
6. Acknowledgements
- *7. Table of Contents
8. List of Tables
9. List of Figures
10. List of Abbreviations ↑ lower case Roman Numerals (e.g., i, ii, iii)
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- *11. Text – Organized in chapters ↓ Arabic Numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3)
- *12. Bibliography, Selected Bibliography, or References
13. Appendices
14. Non-standard Materials

PAGINATION

Preliminary pages (items 1-10 in the list in the previous section) are numbered with lower case Roman numerals (i, ii, iii, ...). The Title Page (#1 in the above list), although counted as page i, does not have a page number printed, regardless of the page numbering style chosen below. Note as well that the copyright page is not given a page number nor counted in the sequence of page numbers, although it is its own page. Arabic numbers, beginning with number 1, are used for items 11-14 from the list above. Every page, except the optional copyright page, is assigned a number. The optional copyright page is considered an inserted page. It does not affect the page numbering and is not included as a page when numbering. Two page numbering styles are permitted.

Style 1: Page number may be omitted on the first page of a major division (#3-7 and 11 in the above list). All other listings and subsequent pages of any division should have page numbers. There is no page number on the Title Page or Copyright page.

Style 2: Page numbers are printed on all pages of the thesis except the title page and copyright page.

Pages are numbered in the upper right-hand corner, the lower right-hand corner, or the bottom center of the page. **Page numbers should be between 1/2" and 1" from the top or bottom of the page. Regardless of page numbering style or location choice, all page numbers throughout the thesis must be in the same font style and size as the thesis text and in the same physical location throughout the thesis.**

MARGINS

Minimum thesis margins are 1.5" from the left edge and 1" from the other three edges. The left edge margin must be 1.5" to accommodate for binding.

The page number should be no less than 1/2" and no more than 1" from the top or bottom of the page.

The left edge should be aligned. The right edge of the text may be either justified (all lines the same length) or ragged (lines varying in length). If you elect to justify the right edge, keep in mind that printers will put spaces between words or letters to fill out the length, sometimes resulting in one long word being spaced out to take up the entire line. Excessive white space in a line of text is unacceptable. If full justification is used, it must be applied throughout the thesis to all text.

SPACING AND INDENTS

The entire thesis is double-spaced except the areas/items listed below which are single-spaced.

- Multiple line headings in the Table of Contents, List of Tables, or List of Figures pages (single-space within, double-space between)
- List of Abbreviations listings (double-spaced if a short list, < ½ page)
- Footnotes
- Long, indented quotations (longer than 3 lines)
- Figure legends
- Text inside a table and the footnote under that table
- References (single-space within, double-space between)
- Text in the Appendix pages – although the heading must be double spaced

Do not put extra blank lines or space between paragraphs. If you need to differentiate a paragraph from its surroundings use headings. If you find a slight additional spacing after paragraphs (slightly more than a double-space), make sure to set your paragraph spacing to zero in Word.

The first line of each paragraph or footnote is indented (has a tab) uniformly in the thesis. The number of spaces for this indent depends on the style. A standard indent is eight spaces (2 inch); a five-space indent is also frequently used. Single-spaced quotations are indented in their entirety eight spaces (2 inch) or five spaces, depending on the style you are using.

HEADINGS

You should choose a standard format for headings and subheadings for your thesis and use it consistently throughout. The spacing above and below headings should also be uniform. Examples of headings are provided on sample pages. You may choose another appropriate style, but **BE CONSISTENT** and choose a logical style that will not confuse readers. You must also follow proper outlining protocol; there must be two or more subheadings used below any heading. Single subheadings are not permitted. This applies to any level of heading.

For students whose program/department does not dictate a specific style of heading, the following style is suggested. Note: the chapter name is mandatory no matter what heading style is selected. Others heading levels are optional and may be removed if you wish. Utilize them in the ascending order presented. For instance, there are five levels listed. If you only need three heading levels in your thesis, you could choose to delete level 3 and 5 and just use the remaining levels in the order presented. Here are the levels:

Chapter Name (mandatory): centered, all caps, two lines, bold, double-space before and after text
Level 1: centered, upper and lower case letters, bold, double-space before and after
Level 2: at the left margin, upper and lower case letters, bold, double-space before and after
Level 3: at the left margin, upper and lower case letters, underline, double-space before and after text
Level 4: tab, first letter cap only, bold, period, double-space and then paragraph text
Level 5: tab, first letter cap only, underline, period, double-space and then paragraph text

Additionally, any heading or combination of headings must have two lines of text after the heading in order to remain on a page. If the heading only has one line, or it sits alone at the bottom of a page, you must move the solitary heading(s) and the line of text to the subsequent page.

TITLE PAGE

Your title page must conform to the example template provided in these specifications. The title and your name must be written in all capital letters. The year listed reflects the year you will be awarded the degree, not necessarily the year you defend your thesis. Your name should be presented in an identical manner on the title page, approval page, abstract, and within the Proquest site. See the example guide and example page at the back of these specifications for further guidance on the Title Page.

COMMITTEE PAGE

Your committee page must conform to the example provided in these specifications. The committee page varies based on whether you are a Master's or Doctoral student. See the example guide and example page at the end of this section for further guidance on the Committee page. Note: your committee does not sign this page. The typed names of all committee members will be on this page.

ABSTRACT PAGE

The abstract beginning your thesis should provide a succinct, descriptive account of the work in 350 words or less. The abstract title should include all pertinent places, names, and proper nouns for use in indexing the thesis. Make sure your thesis advisor's name and academic title are correct. Do not add their degree after their name. Your name and degree will be listed. The types of degrees granted at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs include the following:

Ph.D., D.N.P., M.S., M.A., M.Sc., M.S.N., M.B.A., M.S.A., M.S.E.E.,
M.E., M.C.J., M.P.A.

Check with your program regarding the exact name of your degree. Many programs/departments have names that are different from the degree awarded to their students.

DEDICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many people choose to include a Dedication page (optional). Dedications are considered a very personal recognition (in other words, you don't usually dedicate your thesis to a scholarship fund). See the example pages for a sample of this page. If your dedication is very short (< one sentence) then you would not follow the example listed, but would remove the word Dedication from the top of the page and just list the text of your dedication in the center of the page (centered vertically and horizontally on the page).

The Acknowledgement page (optional) contains text recognizing the people who contributed to the research and preparation of the thesis or provided funding. Some people like to also acknowledge those people who helped them through their careers in other ways (e.g., friends, spouses, children, parents, study participants, etc.). See the example guide and example page at the back of these specifications for further guidance on the Dedication and Acknowledgement pages.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

This is a required section of the thesis. This page should be numbered in lower case Roman numerals. As a minimal standard, you must include the chapter names in the table of contents. It is standard practice to also list level 1 and level 2 headings. If you choose to list any specific level of heading, you must list all headings at that level and higher. For instance, if you choose to list one level 2 heading, you must list all level 1 and 2 headings in all chapters. See the example guide and example page at the back of these specifications for further guidance on the Table of Contents page.

LIST OF TABLES, FIGURES, AND ABBREVIATIONS

Any or all of these optional pages may be included in the thesis. Page numbers should be in lower case Roman numerals. See the example page section for formatting style. Tables and figures may be numbered sequentially through the thesis or by chapter (e.g., 1, 2, 3... or 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1...). For additional information on tables, figures, and abbreviations see Tables, Figures, and Abbreviations descriptions below. See the example guide and example page at the back of these specifications for further guidance on each of these pages.

CHAPTERS

Chapters are titled using capital Roman numbers (e.g., Chapter I Introduction, Chapter II Methods). Chapter I of a thesis is usually the introduction and begins the portion of the thesis where pages are numbered in Arabic numerals (e.g., 1, 2, 3) rather than in the Roman numerals used for preliminary pages. Content of each chapter will be dependent on your program. Each chapter must begin on a new page. See the example guide and example page at the end of these specifications for further guidance on the Chapter format requirements.

TABLES

The word "table" designates columns of information composed of words or numbers or both. Tables are located as soon as possible (not necessarily immediately) after their first mention in the text. Tables less than 7 inches must be included within the text; larger tables may be on a separate page (refer to page 6 and regulations concerning spacing and page length). Tables may not be split across pages unless they are too large to fit on one page (see large table on the next page). Tables should be numbered consecutively within each chapter or throughout the thesis.

You may place lines around or through your table to delineate information, but make sure that the lines still conform to the established thesis margins. Tables that will not fit within the required margins may be typed in a smaller font size (same font style). The text of the table title is not reduced.

Table Titles

Titles should begin with the word "Table." The title is typically typed above the table, but

may, if your style guide requires it, be placed below. Titles must be consistent in style throughout the thesis (i.e., **Table 3.2: Infant Weights of ...**). This is an example of the second table in Chapter III. Using this example as a guide, all of your table titles would be numbered based on the chapter number and sequentially throughout the chapter. They also would have a colon, be bold, and have upper and lower case letters.

Table Footnotes

Footnotes to tables are typed single-spaced immediately beneath the table and have no relation to text footnotes. If you are adapting a table from another source (or using it in its entirety) you must acknowledge the source immediately beneath the table. Thesis authors also are required to obtain written permission for use from the copyright owner. Table footnotes are a smaller font size, if the text in the table was reduced to a smaller font size. Otherwise, the footnote text is the same font size as the thesis text.

Large Tables

- Long Tables: Tables that are longer than 7 inches and require more than one page are considered long tables. Subsequent pages of a long table should be designated in one of the following ways 1) Table # cont.; 2) repeat the table header title; or 3) both - on all subsequent pages.
- Wide Tables: Tables that will not fit within the required margins may be typed in a smaller font size (same font style). The text of the table title is not reduced.
- Landscape Tables: Tables typed in a landscape orientation should have the top of the table on the left (toward the binding margin). Page numbers of landscape oriented pages must be in the same location as all other pages in the thesis, namely portrait orientation. In order to achieve this, the student should insert the table as a picture, then just flip the picture, not the entire page. For landscape tables that continue for multiple pages, refer to the long table instructions above regarding title listings on subsequent pages.

FIGURES

Figures are visual presentations of ideas or concepts or pictorial evidence of your analysis of information. Figures should be incorporated into the text, where possible, rather than on a stand-alone page. Figures should not be placed in the middle of a paragraph of text on a page (breaking up the flow of the paragraph). They should be placed as soon as possible after they are referenced in the text (at the bottom of the page on which they were referenced or on the subsequent page) without breaking the flow of the paragraph of the current page. Figures may or may not take up a full page, including their legend. The legend and figure must remain together on the page, unless the figure or legend is so large that they will not both fit together on the page (see large figure on the next page). Figures must fit within the established thesis margins.

Figure Legend

Figure legends appear below figures and are typed single-spaced in the same font style and size as the text. Figure titles at the beginning of the legend must be consistent in style throughout the thesis (e.g., **Figure 15. Graph of Infant Weights...**). This is an example of the 15th figure in this thesis. Using this example as a guide, all of your figures' titles would be numbered throughout the thesis from the beginning to the end. They would also have a

period, just have the figure number bold, and have upper and lower case letters.

Legends are typed to fit within the standard margins; if necessary, they may appear on the page after the figure (see notation on large figures below). Figures also may be printed with a landscape orientation, with the top toward the left margin. The legend appears beneath the figure and is typed from the bottom to the top of the page within the standard margins. Page numbers of landscape-oriented pages must be in the same location as all other pages in the thesis (i.e., portrait). In order to achieve this, the student should insert the figure as a picture, then just flip the picture, not the entire page.

Figure Footnotes

Footnotes to a figure are typed single-spaced immediately below the figure and above the caption.

Large Figures

You may reduce figures to fit within the page margins or, if possible, continue the figure to another page (this usually works only if you actually have several small figures together). Legends for large figures should be on the page after the large figure. The figure itself still needs to have some sort of notation of the figure number on the page with the figure, but the legend is placed on the subsequent page (with no additional text). Multiple-page figures would have the legend on the page after the last page of figures. Each of the figure pages would list the figure number. For instance, Figure 2.1 panels A and B would be on page 26, and then panels C and D would be on page 27, and then the legend on page 28. Your text would continue on page 29. Pages 26 and 27 would still have a notation at the top or bottom of the page with the figure stating that this is Figure 2.1. It may or may not have the figure name. The full legend with figure number, name, and the rest of the legend would all appear on page 28.

FOOTNOTES

Footnotes are indicated by superscript numbers in the text and referenced at the bottom of the appropriate page. Footnotes are numbered consecutively throughout the thesis. When footnotes are used, the bibliography includes all references cited in the notes (and additional sources). Footnotes are typed in the same font size as the thesis text and are single-spaced with a double-space between notes. Make sure to follow proper footnote style etiquette and maintain the established thesis margins.

BIBLIOGRAPHY/REFERENCES

A bibliography is a list of books, journals, and other sources of information used or consulted in preparing the thesis. References are a list of books, journals, and other sources of information that are specifically cited in the thesis (a subset of the bibliography). A bibliography or reference section must be included, even if footnotes are used. The arrangement of bibliography/references and the information in each entry are determined by the chosen style guide. Generally, students have References in their thesis rather than a Bibliography. Use whichever term is appropriate to your situation. Bibliography/References in theses may be cited in author-year citations or numbered references according to your chosen style. Regardless of which you choose, you must list a full citation of the reference (et al. in the author listing is permissible). If your style guide

does not specify formatting for the bibliography/references section follow these general rules: 1) double-space between each entry and single-space within the entries; 2) keep each reference together (don't split a reference across pages, push it to the next page); and 3) make sure to start the top of each page with text, not a blank line. See the example guide and example page for further guidance on the Reference pages

APPENDIX

Appendix materials are typically optional, however, if Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval was required for the thesis, approval documents must be included in the appendices. Appendix pages appear after the Bibliography or Reference section. Appendix sections are numbered using alpha characters (i.e., A, B, C...). Although the content of the appendix may be of a different font than the thesis, the title of the appendix and page number must still meet font style and size specifications as established in the thesis. Appendix pages must also conform to the pre-established margins of the thesis. This may require modification of the size of the original documents to be included in the appendix. Page numbering will continue on in the same placement, style and location as the rest of the thesis.

III. STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR PAGE LAYOUTS

Below are step-by-step directions to guide you through each example page. The boxes on the top of each of the example pages are for identification and instructions only - **DO NOT** put these boxes in your thesis.

TITLE PAGE - INSTRUCTIONS

1. Center all material between the margins (both vertically and horizontally).
2. Write your name in all capital letters.
3. The listing of your name should be identical on the Approval of Format Form, Signature and Approval Form, Title Page, Committee Page, Abstract, and Proquest submission.
4. List prior degrees as shown (use only academic degrees). List the degree (list only bachelor degrees and higher), the university name, and year the degree was awarded. You also need to list a city for your university if it has multiple campuses.
5. At the bottom of the page, use the appropriate degree (e.g., Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Sciences ... or Doctor of Philosophy).
6. List the appropriate Program (List your program's full name, not the school or college in which it is housed). List the same program on the Approval Page.
7. The year listed is the year the degree is awarded (not necessarily the year you defend or submit your thesis).

COPYRIGHT PAGE - INSTRUCTIONS (optional for those copyrighting their thesis)

1. Center all material between the margins.
2. Place text as far to the bottom of the page as it can be placed without going to the next page.
3. Your name should be listed in the same manner as on the Title Page.
4. Change the year to the year you will graduate, not necessarily the year you defend.

COMMITTEE PAGE - INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are multiple versions of this page, depending on whether you are master's or doctoral student. Review the different versions to select the one appropriate for you.
2. Center all material vertically and horizontally (except date, as shown) between margins.
3. Your name should be on its own line and should be listed in the same manner as on the Title Page and the Abstract.
4. List your program's full name, not the school or college in which it is housed. E.g., if you are a Nursing candidate, use "College of Nursing."
5. First faculty name listed will be your thesis committee chair; second name will be another member of your committee, and so on. List all members of your committee in the same order as on your Signature and Approval Form.
6. Use committee members' names only - no titles or degrees. You may use middle initials or even middle names - use official names only, no nicknames or shortened names. You will put the title "Chair" after the chairperson's name. The committee members will be listed after your chair in the same order that they were presented on the Signature and Approval Form.
7. Provide the date you submit the final thesis electronically to the Graduate School. You may have to modify this date if there are requested changes.

ABSTRACT - INSTRUCTIONS

1. The abstract should be double-spaced.
2. List your last name first followed by a comma, then your first name, and include your middle name or initial (whichever is appropriate based on how you listed your name on the Title Page).
3. Within the parentheses, list the appropriate degree (Ph.D., M.S., M.A. M.Sc. ...) and exact title of the degree being granted.
4. For the third line, check with your advisor regarding his/her appropriate title (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor). No degrees are listed for the advisor.
5. Put the word "ABSTRACT" centered and just before you begin your abstract text. It can be bolded if you wish.
6. Do not use footnotes or sublevel headings in the abstract.
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- Chapter numbers are in upper case Roman numerals (e.g., I, II, III, IV). Page number

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 4. Long quotes (40 words or more) should be single-spaced, indented long quotes.
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