

# DISSERTATION FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE

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After the dissertation, typed in legible form, is accepted by the dissertation advisor, it will be read by the student's dissertation committee, and any recommended revisions will be communicated to the student. Upon completion of the revisions, if any, the student will be required to defend the findings before a committee of graduate faculty members, including the dissertation committee and others chosen by the department and college dean. The responsibility for conducting the examination itself will be that of an impartial moderator selected from a department other than that of the student's major or minor. The defense of the dissertation is open to the university community. Questioning is restricted to members of the graduate faculty, and the vote of the examining committee will be conducted in private.

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