

Dissertation Proposal Form Cover Sheet

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Use the following categories as the guide to write your proposal and attach the additional sheets together as one document. This sheet should serve as the cover sheet.

Once approved by your committee, the Graduate School Dissertation Topic Approval Form must also be filled out and signed by your entire committee and all forms turned into Laurie O'Neill, Graduate Secretary.

I. Title:

Provide a tentative title for your thesis. It should be **concise** and **precise** so as to allow other researchers to correctly infer the topic of your research.

II. Project Description:

State clearly the research problem you intend to investigate. You should be able to define your problem or hypothesis in no more than 100-150 words.

III. Historiographical Significance:

Other scholars have contributed to your field. What closely related problems, ideas, or solutions will you build on and use in your research? What contribution do you expect your research to make to the literature? This section should comprise about 1,000-1,500 words (approximately 5-8 pages, double spaced).

IV. Methodology:

Describe how you plan to investigate the problem you have identified. Your description may consist of an outline of research techniques or other pertinent information. You should include a timetable for conducting your research that includes a schedule of research visits to main archival collections with dates provided. This section should comprise about 750-1,500 words (approximately 4-8 pages, double spaced).

V. Organization of Argument:

Please provide a chapter outline with chapter headings and short descriptions of the content of each chapter. Projected dates for the completion of each chapter should be included. This section should comprise about 500-750 words (approximately 3-4 pages, double spaced).

VI. Bibliography:

Please list the major primary source collections and archives you plan to use in your dissertation, along with the main published primary sources. Please include a separate list of all the secondary literature with which your project will be in dialogue. (approximately 6-12 pages, Chicago style).

Student Signature

Date

All completed forms (see directions at top of page)

should be returned to:

Laurie O'Neill, Graduate Secretary
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