

**University of South Florida  
College of Education  
Graduate Support Office  
Dissertation Proposal Defense Guidelines**

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|   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 5. Are you currently registered for at least 2 semester Hours of Dissertation? (You <b>MUST</b> be registered in order to defend your proposal).  |            |           |
|   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 6. Does your current Supervisory Committee form reflect the current composition of your committee as indicated on your proposal title page?   |            |           |
|   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 7. Will all committee members be present at the proposal defense?<br>If not, Explain.   |            |           |
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|   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 8. Have you used the APA <sup>th</sup> Edition as a Guide in preparing this proposal?   |            |           |
|   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 9. Have you completed the new on-line IRB Training?<br>If <b>No</b> , please do so promptly. A copy of your IRB Certificate must be on file with the Associate Dean for Graduate Education. |            |           |
|   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |

**NOTE:**

1. Upon completing the proposal defense, if changes need to be incorporated into the proposal, a revised copy of your proposal, with a title page signed by all committee members indicating acceptance of the revised proposal must be submitted to the Graduate Support Office. If no other changes are indicated for the proposal, a signed title page must then be submitted to the Graduate Support Office. Note also that a copy of your proposal must be submitted along with your request for IRB approval.
2. A signed **revised** proposal or signed title page must be on file in the Graduate Support Office as the final step in successfully defending you dissertation proposal.
3. Your research protocol must be submitted to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval to conduct your study, and approval from the IRB must be obtained **BEFORE** you initiate your research.
4. You **may not** defend your dissertation in the same semester or within 3 calendar months of the date on which you successfully defend your proposal.
5. Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD): All students must attend an ETD workshop (or complete an online tutorial) the semester prior to graduation. For more information regarding the ETD go to: <https://www.usf.edu/graduate-studies/students/electronic-thesis-dissertation/index.aspx>

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**Student Signature**

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