

Course Title: Dissertation I and II

Course Prefix: SPSY 80199 / 80299

Frequency/semester Course is Offered: Annually, Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

Course Typically Taught by: SPSY Faculty

Course Prerequisites:

Completion of all doctoral coursework, and satisfactory completion of written and oral comprehensive examinations.

Catalog Description:

Dissertation I-Doctoral dissertation for which registration in at least two semesters is required, first of which will be semester in which dissertation work is begun and continuing until completion of 30 hours.

Dissertation II-Continuing registration required of doctoral students who have completed the initial 30 hours of dissertation and continuing until all degree requirements are met.

Course Objectives:

Dissertation I and II are designed to result in the satisfactory completion and defense of the doctoral dissertation. This process includes (a) the formation of the dissertation committee, (b) the conceptualization of the independent research that will comprise the the dissertation, (c) the preparation of and satisfactory defense of the dissertation proposal, (d) the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data, (e) presentation of findings in the dissertation format, and (f) oral defense of the dissertation. Dissertation activities must be completed within prescribed university timelines.

This Course Contributes to the Completion of the following SPSY Program Missions/Goals:

7A
9A, 9B, 9C

Coursework which Follows in the Sequence, which is Reliant on this Course's Content:

The dissertation is designed to be the culminating research experience of doctoral study. Depending on the individual, doctoral internship may follow.

Required Readings:

Handbook for Doctoral Students and Advisors (available on College of Education web page).

Additional Recommended/Required Readings:

Other readings appropriate to dissertation topic or as assigned by dissertation director.

Instructional Methods:

Individually conducted research facilitated by faculty advice/mentorship.

Requirements/Student Evaluations:

Student performance is evaluated by satisfactory defense of the dissertation proposal and oral defense of the dissertation within prescribed university timelines.

Policy on Grading:

Student proficiency is graded by S/U grades as follows: Satisfactory work is interpreted as average or

superior attainment while unsatisfactory work is below average attainment.

Policy on Plagiarism:

Note: Plagiarism is a serious ethical violation. Any attribution of another's work as one's own without appropriate credit is considered plagiarism. This applies whether information is obtained from print, presentation, or electronic sources.

Students Experiencing Disabilities:

In accordance with Kent State University policy, if you have a documented disability and require reasonable accommodations to obtain equal access in this course, please contact the course instructor at the beginning of the semester, or when given an assignment for which an accommodation is required. Students with disabilities must verify their eligibility through the Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) in the Michael Schwartz Student Services Center (330.672.2972).