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Criteria for Scheduling Winter Intersession Oral Defenses

Dissertation Oral Defenses are normally held in the Autumn Term and Spring Term. Upon recommendation from the Dissertation Sponsor and e-mail confirmation from all committee members that they are willing to serve on a defense during the Winter Intersession, a Dissertation Oral Defense may be scheduled during the Winter Intersession.

The Ed.D. Committee and the Ph.D. Committee authorizes the Office of Doctoral Studies (ODS) to review all petitions pertaining to the above conditions or others, which would precipitate exceptional urgency.

Instructions for Ed.D./Ed.D. CTAS Candidates

To obtain authorization for a Winter Intersession Dissertation Oral Defense, please follow the procedures below:

NOTE: The deadline for submission of the Ed.D./Ed.D. CTAS Intention to Defend the Dissertation for an Autumn 2022 term or 2022-23 Winter Intersession Defense is Thursday, September 15th, 2022. INTENTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

1. The candidate submits the “Ed.D./Ed.D. CTAS Intention to Defend the Dissertation” form. The “Ed.D./Ed.D. CTAS Intention to Defend the Dissertation” form is available on the ODS website. Upon clearance for an Autumn 2022 defense, a 4th reader will be assigned and an “Ed. D. Application for Defense” form will be provided.
2. Should an Autumn 2022 defense need to be held in the Winter Intersession, in addition to completing the “Ed.D. Application for Defense” form, the candidate will provide a letter from the Dissertation Advisor supporting the rationale for the Winter Intersession defense.
3. Lastly, the candidate will provide an e-mail from each member of the Dissertation Oral Defense Committee stating their willingness to participate in the Winter Intersession Dissertation Oral Defense.

Instructions for Ph.D. Candidates

To obtain authorization for a Winter Intersession Dissertation Oral Defense, please follow the procedures below:

NOTE: The deadline for submission of the Ph.D. Intention to Defend the Dissertation for an Autumn 2022 term or 2022-23 Winter Intersession Defense is Thursday, September 15th, 2022. INTENTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

1. The candidate submits the “Ph.D. Intention to Defend the Dissertation” form. The “Ph.D. Intention to Defend the Dissertation” form is available on the ODS website.
2. Should an Autumn 2022 defense need to be held in the Winter Intersession, in addition to completing the “Ph.D. Application for Defense” form, the candidate will provide a letter from the Dissertation Advisor supporting the rationale for the Winter Intersession defense.
3. Lastly, the candidate will provide an e-mail from each member of the Dissertation Oral Defense Committee stating their willingness to participate in the Winter Intersession Dissertation Oral Defense.

Check the Teachers College Website for the Autumn 2022 Term dates.

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