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The ETD Coordinator does not edit content nor assess conformity with style manuals. The Graduate College strongly encourages candidates to work with their thesis or dissertation committee to ensure editorial accuracy, stylistic consistency, and quality of content beyond the scope of the requirements listed below. This may require an editor. For further information contact your committee chair.

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REQUIREMENTS

Please review the following. Checked boxes indicate the requirement is met; notes reflect required revisions.

Ensure your pages are in the following order:

☐ **Title Page**

　　See Thesis/Dissertation title page models here. Please follow the required format.

　　☐ The title page is counted, but not numbered

　　☐ The title is normally 15 words or less.

　　☐ Acronyms, abbreviations, symbols, or formulas should be spelled out

　　☐ Ensure the wording follows the format as listed below:

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　　☐ Ensure the name of your degree is correct. The degree and field are listed, but emphases are not. Consult your advisor regarding the correct wording.

　　☐ List all committee members' names and terminal degrees. List the committee chair(s) first and as "Chair" or "Co-chair," if appropriate.

　　☐ The date on the title page must be the month and year of your degree conferral date. (Example: May 2016)

- ☐ **Abstract**

    Conforms to required format; see Abstract Model here.

    - ☐ Section title reads "ABSTRACT", in block capitals

    - ☐ Document title exactly matches title page, in block capitals

    - ☐ Author name exactly matches title page, in block capitals

    - ☐ Enumerated page "ii"

    - ☐ It is recommended that the abstract be 350 words or less.

    Creative Thesis will include an abstract that discusses the creative process and philosophy behind the document.

- ☐ **Copyright Page (if applicable)**

- ☐ **Acknowledgments (if applicable)**

- ☐ **Table of contents**

    It is advisable to use the word processor's automatic table, if available.

- ☐ **List of tables (if applicable). This is a separate page.**

- ☐ **List of figures (if applicable). This is a separate page from tables.**

- ☐ **List of plates (if applicable). This is a separate page from tables and figures.**

- ☐ **Dedication (optional)**

- ☐ **Preface (optional).**

    Required if you are using Journal Format.

- ☐ **Text.**

    - ☐ Divided into Chapters or Sections.

    - ☐ Double-spaced text

        With the exception of long quotations, footnotes, table titles, figure captions, and entries in the bibliography, which may be single-spaced. Consult relevant style manual for guidance. With permission form your advisor, you may submit final copies of your thesis or dissertation in a single-spaced format.

    - ☐ Type size should be 12 points or larger. The style of font is decided by your committee.

- ☐ **Bibliography.**

    This may also be labeled as "Literature Cited", "References", or whatever is an acceptable and approved alternative for your discipline. See relevant style manual for format.

- ☐ **Appendices (if applicable)**

- ☐ **Copyright Permission (if applicable)**

    A letter from the copyright holder indicating you have permission to use the material in your document must precede any previously copyrighted material.

- ☐ **Margins**

    - ☐ Margins must be set to at least 1" on each side of the page.

        It is critical that all content, including graphics and tables, conform to the margin requirements. This protects your content from being caught in the binding of your bound copies.

- ☐ **Pagination**

    - ☐ The title page is counted, but not numbered.

    - ☐ Abstract page through Preface (if applicable) enumerated in lowercase Roman Numerals (ii, iii, iv …).

- ☐ The first page of Chapter 1 through the remainder of the document enumerated in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3…) to the end of the document, begging with "1"
- ☐ Landscape pages include pagination on the left hand margin, vertically centered, and rotated 90° clockwise.
- ☐ All pages enumerated consecutively, centered in the middle of the bottom of each page.

☐ **Additional Requirements**

☐ **Registration for Credit Hours**

Per policy, a student must be registered for at least one thesis (699) or dissertation (799) credit during the semester you defend and submit the final copy of your paper. Contact your academic department to obtain the correct course number and units.

☐ **Continuous Enrollment**

Per policy, a student must register in 699/799 during each fall and spring semester between initial registration and final submission.

☐ **Graduation Application**

You must complete your Application for Graduation by the deadline indicated on the Graduate Academic Calendar.

After correcting all items noted by the ETD Coordinator and your committee, you may resubmit your document for final approval on NAU's ETD site. **There will be only one format check performed.** The Graduate College does not review the document multiple times.