

Graduate Student Academic Services
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would like to present

Formatting Your Doctoral
Approval Page

For the purposes of this video I will use the term dissertation to include doctoral dissertations, doctor of Nursing Practice projects, Doctoral of Audiology projects and the final project for any other doctoral students.

Master's students should refer to the video Thesis Approval Page rather than this video.



Doctoral Sample Pages

- It is important that the first three pages of your dissertation follow the Graduate College guidelines.
- To assist you we have provided samples for these three pages on www.grad.arizona.edu

Doctoral Samples

- [Doctoral Approval Page - Co-Chairs](#)
- [Doctoral Approval Page - One Chair](#)
- [Doctoral Statement by Author Page - Registering Copyright](#)
- [Doctoral Statement by Author Page - Not Registering Copyright](#)
- [Doctoral Title Page](#)

You will notice that there are two versions of the Doctoral Approval page: one for students who had a dissertation chair, and one for those who had two co-chairs.

- [Doctoral Approval Page - Co-Chairs](#) 
- [Doctoral Approval Page - One Chair](#) 

- Please use the appropriate form based on your committee for your final oral defense.

You can download a Word version of the sample pages and edit it rather than creating these pages yourself.



Sample Doctoral Approval Page



The Approval page must be page 2 of your dissertation.

Center the heading “THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA”.

Center the heading “GRADUATE COLLEGE” on the next line.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
GRADUATE COLLEGE

Make sure that these are in all capital letters.

Leave a blank line then enter the text as in the sample page.

As members of the Dissertation Committee, we certify that we have read the dissertation prepared by Sara Jones, titled Optical Lens Design and recommend that it be accepted as fulfilling the dissertation requirement for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Replace the name “Sara Jones” with your name.

Replace “Optical Lens Design” with your dissertation title.

Make sure your dissertation title matches the title you used on your title page.

If you are not doing a Doctor of Philosophy but some other degree (Doctor of Nursing Practice, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, etc...), replace the word “dissertation” with “DNP Project” or the appropriate terminology for your final work.

As members of the **Dissertation** Committee, we certify that we have read the **dissertation** prepared by Sara Jones, titled Optical Lens Design and recommend that it be accepted as fulfilling the **dissertation** requirement for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

If you are not doing a Doctor of Philosophy but some other degree (Doctor of Nursing Practice, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, etc...), replace the words “Doctor of Philosophy” with your degree.

As members of the Dissertation Committee, we certify that we have read the dissertation prepared by Sara Jones, titled Optical Lens Design and recommend that it be accepted as fulfilling the dissertation requirement for the Degree of **Doctor of Philosophy**.

Leave a blank line then enter the signature and date lines for each of your dissertation committee members, including the committee chair or co-chairs.

_____	Date: (Enter Date)
Robert Edwards	
_____	Date: (Enter Date)
Stuart Jennings	
_____	Date: (Enter Date)
Tim Robertson	
_____	Date: (Enter Date)
Stacy Potter	

Type the committee member's name under the signature line.

Replace the words "Enter Date" with the date of your final oral defense. You do not need to keep the parenthesis.

Leave a blank line then enter the text as in the sample page.

Final approval and acceptance of this dissertation is contingent upon the candidate's submission of the final copies of the dissertation to the Graduate College.

I hereby certify that I have read this dissertation prepared under my direction and recommend that it be accepted as fulfilling the dissertation requirement.

If you are not doing a Doctor of Philosophy but some other degree replace the word “dissertation” with the appropriate terminology for your final work.

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If you had a dissertation chair it should look like this:

_____ Date: (Enter Date)
Dissertation Director: Robert Edwards

If you had two co-chairs it should look like this:

_____ Date: (Enter Date)
Dissertation Director: Robert Edwards

_____ Date: (Enter Date)
Dissertation Director: Stuart Jennings

Type the chair's or co-chairs' names under the signature line(s).

Dissertation Director: **Robert Edwards** Date: **(Enter Date)**

Dissertation Director: **Stuart Jennings** Date: **(Enter Date)**

Replace the words “Enter Date” with the date of your final oral defense. You do not need to keep the parenthesis.

Your approval page should look like this:

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If you have not already done so please also watch our video on the Formatting your Doctoral Title Page and Doctoral Statement by Author Page.

Please also remember to submit the Distribution Rights form and signed Approval Page to the Graduate College. You can email those forms to your degree counsellor.

Dissertation Formatting Guide

- There is a free dissertation and thesis formatting guide on the Graduate College website:

www.grad.arizona.edu

The Graduate College also has **Dissertation and Thesis Formatting Guides** available in o or thesis. Please review the relevant guide prior to submitting your work for archiving.

Doctoral students should choose the
Dissertation Formatting guide.

Dissertation and Thesis Formatting Guides

The formatting guides below have been made to assist you with the formatting of your questions or concerns that are not addressed in the formatting guides please contact

[Doctoral Dissertation Formatting Guide](#) 

[Master's Thesis Formatting Guide](#) 

Thank you.

- If you have any questions you can contact your graduate coordinator or your degree counselor in the Graduate College.
- The contact information for your degree counselor is available on the graduate College website:
www.grad.arizona.edu

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