

Chapter 11

REQUIREMENTS FOR A DISSERTATION

Doctoral dissertations are to be prepared just as are master's theses, using the stipulations of this manual and also following the points covered in this chapter.

11. 1 Changes to the Wording of Front Matter Pages

Title Page: the title page uses the word "Dissertation" in place of the word "Thesis" (approximate middle of the page), and the correct text is "Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy" just above the date at the page bottom.

Signatory Page: the correct text at the top of the signatory page is "We approve the dissertation of...." The first names will be labeled as "Dissertation Advisor" and "Dissertation Committee."

A sample dissertation Title Page and Signatory Page are inserted following this page.

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11. 3 Academic Policies for Doctoral Dissertations

The current *Graduate Catalogue* gives degree requirements for doctoral level study at UMass Dartmouth. It also specifies requirements for the dissertation committee, proposal and defense as well as explains procedures and policies.

11. 4 Professional Standards

As presentations of original contributions to scholarship in their field, dissertations must meet especially high standards for accuracy, professional appearance, and format and style.