

## **The Research Publication Option and Exegesis**

The exegesis is the bridging document for those that are completing their doctoral degree by the research publication route. This is where you discuss the individual publications and how collectively they come together to add a substantial amount of knowledge of the subject area.

The requirement is to have two of your papers published and your final one only has to be accepted in peer reviewed publications agreed on with your chair. The reason is that sometimes it could take several months for it to be published and there is no need to delay you going forward to defend.

Your chair and committee are also expected to be named on the paper. Your name is first and the chair will be the last. If there is a committee member(s) they will be in the middle. You are expected to have the approval of your chair and committee on the appropriate publication. The stipulation is that it must be a peer reviewed publication. If you are not clear on an appropriate publication, or if there are questions by your chair or committee, then refer to the Associate Dean or Dean of doctoral programs. There are a number of predatory journals and publications to avoid, but the University can help you make sure that your work is not going to be published in one of those, but one that is recognized. Your committee will help you identify suitable publications that are academically good in standing. It may be possible to substitute one of the journals for a conference reviewed proceeding. It must be an international conference and indexed. This will need approval from the Associate Dean or Dean.

There is no word limit on the exegesis, and we only advise sufficient length to put the argument forward. Also that you have added substantially to the original contribution of knowledge and demonstrated clearly how the papers relate. This document must also follow APA style, current edition. It is important to know that if you do select this as a desired route to your doctoral degree, then you also have to follow the standards of the Academic Review Board (ARB) and the Institutional Research Board (IRB) before you can collect any data and they should be planned earlier for ethics approval is only once.

Exegesis defense is different than that for the classic dissertation approach. The university will be the ex officio and either the Dean, Associate Dean, or a designated representative will be on the examination panel.

We strongly advise you that you need to identify if you're choosing the publication route, no later than the end of the first class, 800. For those transferring in credit, it is strongly suggested that you do not seek this route, unless you are very experienced in publishing your research.