

GRADUATION *WITH RESEARCH DISTINCTION* INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The final defense for *Research Distinction* must include a one-hour oral examination before two members of the teaching faculty. The purpose of the exam is to allow the faculty committee to determine whether the work of the student who is a candidate for graduation *with Research Distinction* is truly outstanding. The advisor should discuss with the student the scope of this examination.

For distinction in a single field, the examining committee includes the project advisor and a second faculty member from the same department. The term "faculty" is defined in Faculty Rule 3335-5-19. Including a third member from a department other than the field of distinction is optional.

For interdisciplinary projects, the committee should include the candidate's two faculty advisors. For example, a project in History and Political Science should include one advisor from History and one advisor from Political Science. Including a third representative from a field other than that of the advisors' departments is optional.

The faculty representatives should be chosen early in the semester of the projected examination. All members of the committee must receive a copy of the thesis at least one week before the oral examination. Please note that all committee members must be present at the oral examination in order to certify the student for graduation *with Research Distinction*. (Video conferencing is allowed if necessary.) Should a committee member be unable to serve, the advisor is responsible for finding a replacement.

Format for the Final Copy and Title Page

1. **Deadline:** A final copy of the thesis must be submitted to the University Libraries' Knowledge Bank no later than the last day of the semester in which the examination takes place and the student will graduate. See <https://library.osu.edu/kb/instructions/submissions> for submission details.
2. **Manuscript Format:** The Arts and Sciences (ASC) College Office does not require any particular manuscript format and leaves that decision to the project advisor, who is familiar with the practices of the discipline.

3. Title Page: The title page for the thesis should follow the example below.

The Influence of Experimental Cinema on Hollywood Films: 1967-1980

Research Thesis

Presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for graduation
with Research Distinction in Film Studies* in the undergraduate
colleges of The Ohio State University

by

Jane Doe

The Ohio State University
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***NOTE:** Students pursuing graduation *with Research Distinction* in a department outside the major field should **not** include the area of distinction on the title page. Using the example above, if the student was not majoring in Film Studies, she would have written, “Presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for graduation *with Research Distinction* in the undergraduate colleges of The Ohio State University.”

If you have any further questions, please contact Ed Quinn at quinn.142@osu.edu or 614.292.6961.