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Thesis/Dissertation Checklist
(For Journals or Style Manuals Other Than APA)

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Which style manual was followed for formatting purposes? __ ADA, __ ASA, __ MLA, __ Chicago Style Manual, or ___ Kate Turabian. If a journal was used, indicate name of journal __________________________________________ and submit a sample journal article and “Instructions” for Author” (if available) with your submission.

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MARGINS:
_____ 1.50" left, 1.00" top, right and bottom margins for all pages.

ORGANIZATION OF THESIS/DISSERTATION:
_____ 1. Final Committee Approval Form for Electronic Thesis or Dissertation Submission
_____ 2. Title Page
_____ 3. Copyright page (Optional)
_____ 4. Dedication Page (Optional)
_____ 5. Acknowledgments (Optional)
_____ 6. Abstract (350 words for dissertations, 150 words for theses)
_____ 7. Preface (Optional)
_____ 8. Table of Contents
_____ 9. List of Tables (only used for 5 or more), with page numbers
_____ 10. List of Figures (only used for 5 or more), with page numbers
_____ 11. List of Plates (only if needed)
_____ 12. List of Symbols and/or Abbreviations (only if needed), with page numbers
_____ 13. Body of Thesis/Dissertation (divided into either chapters or sections)
_____ 14. Bibliography/References/Works Cited
_____ 15. Appendix or Appendices
_____ 16. Permission letter(s) for any copyrighted materials used in text
_____ 17. IRB or IACUC Approval or waiver (if human or animal subjects were used)

FONT SIZE:
_____ 12 point is required.

FONT TYPE:
_____ Arial or Times New Roman (please circle font type used)

SPACING:
_____ Text must be double spaced (NOTE: Table data, block quotes [4 lines or longer], and reference listings may be single spaced).
_____ Double space after all chapter numbers and triple space after chapter titles.
_____ Double space before and after all block quotes (4 lines or longer).
_____ Double space between all bibliographic/reference entries.
_____ Triple space before and after all tables/figures and mathematical equations.
PAGINATION:
- Every page must be assigned a number.
- All page numbers must be centered 1/2” from the bottom of the page.
- The title page is assumed to be page “i”, but the actual number must not appear on the page.
- All page numbers in the Table of Contents and List of Tables/Figures MUST correspond with actual page numbers in the text.

FOOTNOTES:
- If footnotes are used, they must begin on the page they are cited.
- Footnote font size must be one size smaller than the actual text.
- Footnotes are to be renumbered beginning with Arabic number "1" for each chapter.
- Single space each individual footnote and double space between each entry.
- Indent the first line of the footnote text as well as the footnote number; flush each subsequent line with the left margin.

TABLES/FIGURES:
- Tables/figures must conform to required margin requirements.
- Tables/figures may follow page on which they are first referenced, or they may be included in a separate appendix. (NOTE: Due to microfilming requirements of doctoral dissertations, all tables/figures must be incorporated in the text).
- Tables must be identified in the text by a number; table numbers and titles must be typed above the table. Use Arabic numbers.
- If a table is continued on another page, repeat table number and column headers.
- If a table/figure is taken directly from another source, you must cite the entire source below the table/figure.
- Figures must be identified in the text by a number; figure numbers and captions must be typed below the figure. Use Arabic numbers.
- Tables/figures must be numbered consecutively throughout the text (EXCEPTION: if a journal article is used for formatting, tables/figures should be numbered according to journal specifications).

MISCELLANEOUS:
- Left align text (full justification of the right-hand margin is not allowed; margins must be jagged).
- Long quotes (four or more lines) must be single spaced and indented the same amount of spaces as a paragraph indent.
- Do not use headers.
- Due to microfilming requirements for doctoral dissertations, chapter endnotes are not allowed.
- No widows or orphans (i.e., when beginning a new paragraph at the bottom of a page or ending at the top of the next page, you must have two lines. If only one line appears, move or add lines as necessary).
- Every reference cited in the text must be included in the bibliography section.

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