

**Western Illinois University
School of Graduate Studies
Dissertation Process**

1. Establish the dissertation committee per departmental requirements - [Dissertation Committee Approval Form](#).
2. If a committee change is necessary, must submit [Dissertation Committee Addition/Deletion/Change Form](#).
3. Obtain approval from the Office of Sponsored Projects if using human subjects.
4. Submit [Dissertation Proposal](#) form.
5. Complete dissertation.
6. Submit [Intent and Authorization to Defend the Dissertation Research](#) form.
7. Defend dissertation.
8. Submit dissertation to www.etsadmin.com/wnull for formatting review by the Graduate School.
9. Complete formatting changes required by the Graduate School.
10. Submit [Dissertation Approval](#) form to the Graduate School.
11. Receive approval of dissertation from the Graduate School.
12. The Graduate School submits dissertation to ProQuest at end of semester.