THE THESIS AND DISSERTATION PIPELINE

1. Committee
   * Student - Advisor/Committee (3-7 people)
     - Discuss research topic
     - Consult for methodology and data collection
     - Advisor edit document for factual accuracy, common errors, and formatting
     - Ensure that the research is rigorous and a significant contribution to the discipline
     - Edit for style and content
     - Advisor and committee sign and send to Department Chair

2. Department
   * Student - Advisor - Department Chair (3 people)
     - Ensure that document meets department, School, and University standards
     - Edit content for factual accuracy, common errors, and formatting
     - Catching any lingering errors (check preliminary pages, Table of Contents, footnotes, Appendices)
     - Department Chair sign and send to School Dean

3. School
   * Student - Department Chair - School Dean (2-3 people)
     - Glean document for errors
     - Ensure that document meets school and University standards
     - School Dean sign and send to Dean of Graduate Studies

4. University
   * Student - Department Chair - School Dean - Dean of Graduate Studies (4-6 people)
     - Examine document to ensure that it meets University standards
     - Examine for any existing errors
     - Dean of Graduate Studies sign and send notification to the University Registrar
     - Document is prepared to be sent to Woodruff Library to be bound and stored.

At each step in the pipeline, at least 2-3 people are reviewing the thesis or dissertation for errors. The common participant at each level is the student who has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the thesis or dissertation is correct.