Guidelines for Dissertation Oral Defense

Opening & Introductions (by Committee Chair)……………………………………………………………………………….. 5-10 minutes
*Brief statement about format of Dissertation Defense

Presentation (by Candidate)………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. 20-30 minutes

Your presentation should include, but is not limited to the following questions:

- Provide the Title and Thesis of Dissertation.
- What is the purpose of the study? What arguments and theories are central to the dissertation?
- What research methods were applied and why?
- What were the significant conclusions of the research?
- What were some of the limitations encountered during the research process?
- Discuss the primary and secondary sources used to carry out this project.
- What are the implications of this research? Can the study be expanded in the future?

Questions posed to candidate by Dissertation Committee…………………………………………………………….. 20 minutes

Deliberation of Committee Members (Candidate & Guests will leave the room)....................... 10 minutes

Candidate returns for comments (by Committee)…………………………………………………………………………..10-15 minutes

Decision Announcement and Closing Remarks (Committee Chair)………………………………………. 5-10 minutes

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