



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**