UCLA Thesis and Dissertation
Filing Requirements & Public Dissemination

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INTRODUCTION

*UCLA Thesis and Dissertation Filing Requirements & Public Dissemination* describes the requirements for filing theses and dissertations and University policy regarding graduate thesis and dissertation public dissemination. This document was prepared by the UCLA Division of Graduate Education, under delegated authority from the Graduate Council of the UCLA Academic Senate. These requirements and procedures have been developed to ensure information is presented consistently and that students’ manuscripts reflect our institutional commitment to research integrity.

Workshops on the preparation and filing of theses and dissertations are scheduled each quarter. Students are encouraged to attend one of these workshops. Dates are posted on the Graduate Education website at [grad.ucla.edu/etd](http://grad.ucla.edu/etd).

A list of resources and contact information is located on [page 28](#) of this guide.

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**UCLA GRADUATE THESIS AND DISSERTATION PUBLIC DISSEMINATION POLICY**

Approved by UCLA Graduate Council on May 15, 2015

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**AFFIRMATION OF OPEN ACCESS**

The submission of a thesis or dissertation is the last step in an academic program leading to the award of a graduate degree. The manuscript is a scholarly presentation of the results of the graduate student’s research and/or creative work. UCLA requires that research and scholarly work conducted by graduate students and incorporated into theses and dissertations be made publicly available through the University of California’s institutional repository, eScholarship ([http://escholarship.org/](http://escholarship.org/)). The UCLA Graduate Council affirms the principle that graduate students have a responsibility to share their work with scholars in all disciplines and the general public, and stands by the University’s commitment to ensuring open access to master’s theses and doctoral dissertations. The policy of the University of California is that graduate students own the copyright to their original works of authorship. The license granted to UCLA as required by the Thesis and Dissertation Public Dissemination policy is fully consistent with University copyright policy (see [http://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/](http://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/)).

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**PUBLIC DISSEMINATION**

As one of the requirements for conferral of a degree, a graduate student must submit their thesis or dissertation to UCLA for publishing in both ProQuest ([www.proquest.com](http://www.proquest.com)) and the institutional repository, eScholarship ([http://escholarship.org/](http://escholarship.org/)). ProQuest and the institutional repository make the manuscript available several months after the graduate student submits it. A graduate student must adhere to this Graduate Council policy regarding delayed public dissemination (also known as an “embargo”) in both ProQuest and UC eScholarship.

Upon submission of their thesis or dissertation as a requirement for conferral of the degree, the graduate student shall grant a nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to The Regents of the University of California (“University”) as set forth in the *UCLA Thesis and Dissertation Submission Agreement*. 
AUTHOR WARRANTIES

Upon submitting the thesis or dissertation as a requirement for conferral of a degree, the graduate student shall affirm that the Work:

(a) Is the graduate student’s original work and that s/he has full power to enter into an agreement;
(b) Does not infringe copyright, intellectual property rights, or privacy rights of another;
(c) Contains no material that is libelous, defamatory or other unlawful material; and
(d) The graduate student has not made, and will not hereafter make, any contract or commitment contrary to the terms of the agreement with UCLA or in derogation of the license granted to the University hereunder.

The graduate student shall indemnify, defend, and hold the University harmless from any losses, claims, damages, awards, penalties or injuries incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, which arise from any claim by any third party of an alleged infringement of copyright or any other property right arising out of the access and use of the Work.

DELAYED PUBLIC DISSEMINATION (EMBARGO) REQUESTS

POLICY: Delayed public dissemination, commonly known as an “embargo,” postpones public distribution of the thesis or dissertation that has been approved and filed with the University. In some cases, it may be reasonable and appropriate to put in place an embargo that delays public release, but only in narrowly prescribed circumstances affecting intellectual property rights (such as when a patent is being filed), to satisfy requirements for the review of grant-sponsored research, or to protect data being utilized by a team of researchers of which the graduate was a member. Such an embargo must be limited in time.

If delayed public dissemination is necessary due to the purposes set forth in the previous paragraph, a graduate student should select this option when uploading the thesis or dissertation to ProQuest. The delayed release requested at the time of submission will postpone public distribution of a thesis or dissertation via both ProQuest and UC eScholarship. Students may request embargoes for 6 months, 1 year or 2 years; longer time periods considered by exception.

If a thesis or dissertation has a delayed release, ProQuest and UC eScholarship will display only the graduate’s citation and abstract for the duration of the embargo. The full text of the graduate’s thesis or dissertation will become available for public access only after the embargo expires. The California Digital Library will archive and preserve the manuscript in perpetuity.

EXCEPTION REQUESTS FOR EXTENDED EMBARGOES: Under rare circumstances and prior to the filing of the thesis or dissertation, the Dean of Graduate Education may approve requests for time-delimited embargoes beyond the two-year limit. A request for such an exception to UCLA policy should be made as soon as the graduate student’s master’s or doctoral committee is aware of the need to do so.

The Division of Graduate Education is the first point of contact for exception requests, forwarding any approved exceptions to the Library as applicable. The graduate student and her/his committee chair must submit a formal request for a time-delimited extended embargo using the Request for Extended Delayed Release form available from the Division of Graduate Education. The request must be made
prior to filing the thesis or dissertation. Each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Division of Graduate Education’s review of such requests will take the following factors into consideration:

- Are there serious mitigating circumstances whereby publication of the thesis or dissertation would cause undue risks or potential harm to the author or subjects?
- Will the data generated through the student’s research support other in-progress publications from people on the student’s research team, which could be impacted by public dissemination?
- Is the student applying for a patent based on research that is discussed in his/her dissertation?
- Is the data or material in the thesis/dissertation subject to review by the sponsor or grantor prior to publication?
- Is there a need to prevent disclosure of information about persons, institutions, technologies, etc.?
- Is there an academic or commercial press that has documented its requirement of manuscript embargo in order to acquire the rights to publish the thesis/dissertation as a book?

When an exception request is approved by the Division of Graduate Education, the Library will be notified to ensure that UC eScholarship suppresses access until the end of the approved extended embargo period.

*Requests for permanent embargos will only be approved under truly extraordinary circumstances.*

### POST-SUBMISSION REQUESTS FOR DELAYED PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

**POLICY:** Students who wish to delay public dissemination must select this option at the time they submit their theses or dissertations to the Division of Graduate Education via ProQuest. Requests to embargo a thesis or dissertation after the manuscript has been filed generally are not allowed. Post-submission embargo requests to UC eScholarship are permissible only in exceptional circumstances and require Division of Graduate Education and Graduate Council review and approval.

**EXCEPTION REQUESTS FOR DELAYED PUBLIC DISSEMINATION POST-SUBMISSION:** The Division of Graduate Education is the first point of contact for post-submission embargo requests to UC eScholarship. To make such a request, which is considered only for exceptional circumstances, the graduate student must submit a Post-Submission Request for Delayed Release to the Division of Graduate Education detailing the reason for the request for an embargo and the reason for the delay in seeking the embargo and including an explanatory letter from the thesis/dissertation committee chair. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

ProQuest allows the graduate student to embargo his or her manuscript at any time and for any duration but cautions that “the rules and policies around dissemination related to a university’s institutional repositories are created and managed separately by the university.”1 ProQuest will notify the UCLA Division of Graduate Education of each request for a post-submission embargo. Upon receiving the notification from ProQuest, the Division of Graduate Education will send an email to the graduate student reminding them of the University policy restricting delayed release. Each request will

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be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Division of Graduate Education’s review of such requests will take the following factors into consideration:

- Are there serious mitigating circumstances such that publication of the thesis or dissertation would cause undue risks or potential harm to the author or subjects?
- Is there a need to prevent disclosure of information about persons, institutions, technologies, etc.?
- Is there good cause for the failure to seek delayed public dissemination at the time of submission?
- Is the work already accessible via eScholarship?

In the rare cases in which a post-submission embargo request is approved by the UCLA Division of Graduate Education and Graduate Council, the Division of Graduate Education will notify the Library and UC eScholarship to withhold release for the approved embargo period.
A. FILING DEADLINES

The deadline for filing the thesis or dissertation in final form for students who are registered and enrolled and those on Filing Fee status is the last day of the quarter. For registered students and those paying a Filing Fee, the summer deadline is the last day of Summer Session C. The exact date for each quarter is posted in the UCLA Academic Calendar (http://registrar.ucla.edu/Calendars/Annual-Academic-Calendar). Students are encouraged to file their thesis or dissertation as early as possible. All filing must be completed online.

Submissions on the day of the deadline will be accepted until 5 PM PT. A completed submission entails the following:

- All committee members must have reported approval via go.grad.ucla.edu
- The committee must have certified that the student passed the final oral exam (if applicable, via go.grad.ucla.edu)
- The student must have submitted a final PDF via ProQuest
- The student must have completed the online Division of Graduate Education ETD process (see page 24)
- If the Division of Graduate Education has requested any changes, the student must have addressed and submitted the specific changes within the designated time period

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure their committee has reported approval electronically and that the student has submitted their final PDF and any corrections to the manuscript. Once the student submits a thesis or dissertation, they will not be allowed to make changes unless required by the UCLA Division of Graduate Education. Students must ensure the manuscript is in its final form.

B. REGISTRATION STATUS/FILING FEE

If a student is completing courses, still writing or editing chapters of the thesis or dissertation, using faculty time, library facilities, laboratories, or other University resources, or receiving University funds, they are required to register in the final term in which they expect to receive the degree.

Students may be eligible to pay a Filing Fee for the quarter in which the degree is to be awarded in lieu of registering and enrolling. Four conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for this fee:

1. All formal requirements for the degree, except for filing the thesis/dissertation and/or taking the master’s comprehensive/doctoral final oral examination or submitting the master’s comprehensive capstone project, must be completed before the first day of classes (including, advancement to candidacy at least one quarter prior to the term of Filing Fee usage);

2. Since last being registered and up to the first day of classes, the combined use of University resources and faculty time must not exceed 12 hours;

3. During the quarter in question, the thesis/dissertation committee suggested only stylistic and/or typographical changes in the thesis/dissertation OR, in the case of master’s comprehensive
examinations OR, in the case of master’s capstone projects, the faculty only graded the final comprehensive project;

and

4. Students must have been registered in the previous academic term.

Please see the Graduate Education Filing Fee webpage for more information.

CHAPTER II: PREPARING THE PDF

PREPARING THE THESIS OR DISSERTATION AS A FORMATTED PDF

The main thesis or dissertation document must be submitted as a PDF file. The file should not be compressed or password protected. It should not include or require a digital signature. As noted on page 13, additional media files may be uploaded along with the PDF file.

No changes to the thesis or dissertation are allowed after submission via ProQuest.

Faculty committees supervise the intellectual content and may specify certain aspects of style, such as footnote style and placement, and the manner in which references are cited and listed. Students are encouraged to consult with their committee chair(s) early in the preparation of the manuscript regarding style preferences.

The regulations included here supersede any style manual instructions regarding format. The format includes the manuscript arrangement, organization of specific preliminary pages, spacing, typeface, margins, page number order and placement, and the requirement for permission to reproduce copyrighted material. Students should not rely on theses or dissertations previously filed or past UCLA regulations for format examples as changes are made periodically. Degree candidates are responsible for following the requirements in effect when the document is filed.

FONTS AND LAYOUT

Note: The guidelines in this section apply to all material that is presented in “manuscript” form, including the preliminary pages. If the scholarly work has already been published and students wish to include some or all of the chapters in the form of reprint(s) of published work, see Formatting Reprints or Versions of Manuscripts as Chapters, Article Reprints, and Alternate Versions of Published Articles for formatting information.

FONT. Embedded fonts are required; the Conversion Tool provided by ProQuest will embed fonts in the PDF. ProQuest provides instructions on embedding fonts at: https://support.proquest.com/s/article/How-do-I-embed-my-fonts?language=en_US

Only non-italic style fonts should be used for the main portion of the text (“body text”). If a student is uncertain whether a particular font style and size are appropriate, please consult the UCLA Division of Graduate Education by submitting an inquiry via the Graduate Education Portal. Legible fonts that are
commonly used for the body of the text include Times or Times New Roman (12 point) and Arial 11- or 12-point.

Some recommended fonts and point sizes are shown below.

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* Web font designed for easy screen readability. Since many readers are likely to view and/or use the dissertation or thesis onscreen, students may wish to improve the readability of the text by using one of these fonts.

**BODY TEXT.** UCLA does not require an absolute character and space count per inch of text. A general guideline for optimal readability is a type density, including characters and spaces, of no more than 15 characters per inch. For the basic manuscript text, most fonts in 12-point or larger should be acceptable. The table above lists recommended fonts and corresponding minimum point sizes. Smaller type (10-point or less) cannot be used for the body text, except for subscripts and superscripts or if a reprint of a published article is used. A Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters; the font size requirement still applies.

**CAPTIONS, FOOTNOTES, FIGURES, EQUATIONS AND TABLES.** Type sizes may be smaller for footnotes, captions, equations, and information in figures and tables. In general, for optimum readability, students are encouraged to choose a font size that is no more than 3 points smaller than the font used for the main portion of the text.

**ITALICS, UNDERLINING AND BOLDFACE STYLES.** Italics may be used for headings, labels, foreign words, book titles or occasional emphasis. The use of underlining and bold face in the text of headings and body text titles is at the discretion of the student’s committee.
SPACING

Unless otherwise noted, the manuscript must be double-spaced throughout.

Footnotes, bibliographic entries, long quoted passages, figure and table captions, and items in lists and tables may be single-spaced. If individual footnote or bibliographic entries are single-spaced, there must be a single blank line between entries.

There are special spacing requirements for some of the preliminary pages (see sample pages in Appendix A and Appendix B). The layout for these pages must be followed carefully as departures from the standard format are not acceptable.

MARGINS

Minimum margin size:

LEFT, RIGHT, TOP: 1”
BOTTOM TEXT MARGIN: 1”
FOOTER MARGIN: 0.75” from bottom of the page for page number.

Aside from page numbers, all other manuscript material, including tables, figures, graphs, etc., must fit within the margins.

MANUSCRIPT AND FIGURE LAYOUT

The required order of pages for the manuscript is prescribed in Chapter III: B. ARRANGEMENT. The bibliography is always the last section of a manuscript, and the last page of a manuscript should be the last page of the bibliography. All figures, tables, appendices, etc., come before the bibliography.

If the thesis or dissertation is prepared as a single manuscript, appendices should precede the bibliography. Alternatively, a bibliography (references) may be included at the end of each individual chapter. Students following this style must remember to list each chapter’s bibliography in the Table of Contents with the appropriate page number.

In some cases, it may be appropriate to include appendices that are relevant to several chapters (e.g., computer programs, laboratory procedures or statistical methodologies) as stand-alone chapters at the end of the document. These must be listed in the Table of Contents — as chapters or appendices — and precede the bibliography.

All other questions regarding the layout of the manuscript — how to subdivide chapters, whether to center a body text heading, whether to use bold in a body text title, where to place footnotes, figures, or tables, etc., or what footnote or reference format to use — come under the rubric of “text,” and the committee chair(s) decides the format.
FORMATTING REPRINTS OR VERSIONS OF MANUSCRIPTS AS CHAPTERS

PERMISSIONS: See Chapter III: E. COPYRIGHT PERMISSIONS.

FORMAT: If students wish to use an actual reprint of a published article, i.e., a copy of the article as it appears in a journal or book, as a chapter of the thesis or dissertation, students must adjust the page size of the article to fit the UCLA margin requirements, remove the original journal page numbers, and paginate the article appropriately. The Figures and Tables in the reprinted article do not need to be renumbered consecutively with others in the thesis or dissertation.

Students may choose to use the accepted version of the published manuscript or a version of an article that may have been submitted for publication, or is in preparation for submission. If this is the case, then all heading material—the addresses of the authors, journal addresses, etc., — must be removed from the source manuscript before using the material as a chapter of the dissertation. All Figures and Tables in the chapters must be numbered consecutively, i.e., 1-x or according to chapter, e.g., 1-1, 2-1, etc. A Figure or Table number cannot be repeated. The only exception is when students are using a reprint; UCLA does not require students to renumber Figures or Tables in reprints.

PAGE NUMBERS

Page numbers must be centered on the page and must be at least three-quarters of an inch (0.75”) from the bottom of the page.

PAGINATION

Every page in the manuscript must be numbered except for two: the title page is counted but not numbered, and the copyright page (or blank page, if the copyright is not registered) is neither counted nor numbered. If there are any pages that are rotated to a landscape orientation, the page numbers still need to be in the same spot on the page throughout the document.

ROMAN NUMERALS are used for the preliminary pages. Because the title page is counted but not numbered, “ii” is the first number used and appears on the abstract page.

ARABIC NUMERALS are used for all pages after the preliminary pages, starting with the first page of the body text in the manuscript. All pages must be numbered, including appendices, facing pages, tables, figures, etc. Correct pagination — no missing pages, no duplicate numbers or pages — is required for the manuscript to be accepted.

IMAGES

The Division of Graduate Education recommends an image resolution of 300 dpi or higher (no lower than 150 dpi) for images embedded within the PDF. The higher quality images will make the PDF larger in size, which may slow the uploading speed.

TIP: If students are copying an image directly from a PDF, to maintain a higher quality of the image, enlarge the PDF, copy the image, and shrink the image once it is pasted into the document.
If supplementary materials – such as audio, video, and spreadsheets – are part of the dissertation or thesis, students may upload them as supplementary files during the online submission process through ProQuest.

Helpful hints:
- Do not embed media files in the PDF
- Upload media files as supplementary files
- Describe supplementary files in the abstract; add a description of each file to the abstract.
- Do not compress or group files into folders; upload each file individually.

Multimedia files and formats. Digital preservation best practices typically recommend including multimedia content as supplementary files, rather than embedding multimedia in PDF files.

ProQuest will accept multimedia content of all file types. File types listed below will be migrated by ProQuest. File types other than those listed below are not guaranteed to be migrated.

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<td>Apple Quick Time (.mov); Microsoft Audio Video Interleaved (.avi); MPEG (.mpg)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audio</td>
<td>AIF (.aif); CD-DA; CD-ROM/XA; MIDI (.midi); MPEG-2; SND (.snd); WAV (.wav)</td>
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</table>
CHAPTER III: ELEMENTS OF THE MANUSCRIPT

A. FORMAT

Students must consult with their committee chair(s) regarding an acceptable manuscript style before preparing the final PDF of the thesis or dissertation. This *UCLA Thesis and Dissertation Filing Requirements* document supersedes manuals of style if there is a conflict in the instructions regarding format.

B. ARRANGEMENT

Students must follow the order for the manuscript pages listed below; no exceptions are allowed. Starting with the abstract (ii), each page must be counted and numbered. Use lower case Roman numerals on preliminary pages and Arabic numerals on subsequent pages. The body text starts with the first page of text and uses Arabic numeral 1.

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<tr>
<td>Abstract</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ii (may be more than one page)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Committee Page</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>iii (roman numeral, depends on preceding page)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dedication Page</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>(roman numeral, depends on preceding page)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Table of Contents</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>(roman numeral, depends on preceding page)</td>
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<td>(roman numeral, depends on preceding page)</td>
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<td>Acknowledgments or Preface</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>(roman numeral, depends on preceding page)</td>
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<td>Vita/Biographical Sketch</td>
<td>Yes, for doctoral</td>
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<td>References/Bibliography</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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*Sample doctoral pages* and *sample master’s pages* are located in the appendices of this document.
C. PRELIMINARY PAGES

The information on the preliminary pages and the format of these pages are standardized.

The general format for capitalization and spacing is to be followed for all preliminary pages for which a sample is provided (i.e., where groups of lines are double-spaced on the sample pages, be sure to double-space. Format the spaces between groups of lines to present a balanced appearance).

There must be consistency between official university records and all preliminary pages with respect to the student’s name, major field, committee chair’s name (or co-chairs’ names), title of thesis or dissertation, and year the degree is awarded.

TITLE PAGE

1. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA appears in full capital letters at the top of the page, Los Angeles in title case letters. Students should follow the spacing on the sample page.

2. The TITLE for the thesis or dissertation should include meaningful key words descriptive of the subject and content. This is particularly important for doctoral candidates, because titles are the basis for computer searches from which subject lists of dissertations are prepared by ProQuest’s reference service. Italics are acceptable. Acronyms, and abbreviated forms in general are to be spelled out (e.g., K3 Mn(CN)6 is written Potassium Mangan cyanide; MMPI is written Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory; TESL is written Teaching English as a Second Language). ProQuest will not display diacritics or special characters on its website.

3. The MAJOR in which the degree the student is earning must be written exactly as it is approved by the Academic Senate Graduate Council. Students can verify the official name of the major by visiting MyUCLA, viewing the listing in the UCLA General Catalog or contacting the UCLA Division of Graduate Education. Unofficial specializations should not be included. For example, UCLA awards a graduate degree in Education, not Educational Leadership.

4. The NAME used on the title page must be the name under which the student is registered at UCLA and must match the name that appears in official university records, copyright page, abstract and committee page. If the student wishes to change the name of record, the student must file a change of name petition with the Registrar’s Office via the MyUCLA Message Center prior to submission of the thesis or dissertation. If you are unsure about what form of your name is on record, this information may be obtained by pulling an unofficial transcript through MyUCLA.

5. The DATE at the bottom of the title page is the year in which the degree is awarded. This is the same year in which the manuscript is filed, except when the manuscript is filed via ProQuest after the filing deadline for the Fall quarter (i.e., a registered and enrolled student who files by the December 14th Fall 2023 deadline is awarded a 2023 degree, but a student who files after the December 14th Fall 2023 deadline is awarded a 2024 degree.)

There is no page number on the title page as it is counted as the first preliminary page but is not numbered.
COPYRIGHT PAGE OR BLANK PAGE

Students must include either a blank page or a completed copyright page. This page is not counted or numbered. Whether the student intends to register their copyright at the time of filing, at a later date, or chooses not to register at all, the recommendation is to include a copyright page with the copyright notice, student’s name, and the year of the copyright, centered at the bottom text margin. The information and layout are the same for both theses and dissertations. See sample pages in Appendix A and Appendix B for more information.

REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT

The need to register copyright depends on the nature of the materials and on plans for the future publication or revision of the manuscript. Under current law, the works of an author are protected from the date of creation and on throughout the life of the author, plus another seventy years thereafter (Pub. L. No. 94-553, 90 Stat. 2541. The Copyright Act 1976, effective January 1, 1978). Whether the thesis or dissertation copyright is registered or not, the author retains the right to publish all or any part of the manuscript by any means at any time. Registration of the copyright puts on public record the exact details of a copyright claim. In order to bring suit against an infringer, registration is necessary.

Further information about copyright may be obtained at copyright.gov.

If a registration of copyright is desired, prepare the copyright page for notification of copyright in the thesis or dissertation. Students may register a copyright through the ProQuest website at the time of submission.

ABSTRACT PAGE

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