Saint Louis University Graduate Education

Master's Thesis Proposal/Prospectus

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Degree Sought _____

Major Field _____

Minor Field (if applicable) _____

Thesis Advisor/Mentor _____

I. **Title** – Type/print on the lines below the anticipated title of the Master's thesis. The title should be both precise and concise and should contain several key words or phrases to facilitate future, electronic, database searches.

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II. **Thesis Outline** – The body of the outline is to be prepared on white, 8 ½ x 11-inch paper. This section of the prospectus is to be prepared in accordance with the style required by the major field, and it is expected to include a statement of the problem to be investigated, the source of the problem, a review of the related, principal, published literature and an accompanying bibliographic listing, and the plan/procedure/research design to be followed toward the solution and/or the answers to the research question(s) associated with the problem.

III. **University Approvals** – Regulations of the Federal Government demand University critique of every research design that in any way requests/requires information from or cooperation of human subjects or involves laboratory animals. If human subjects are to be sources of data, one or more informed-consent form(s) may be required as addenda to the research design.

Are human subjects required in this research? ____Yes ____No

If **"Yes,"** the Principal Investigator (PI; responsible for the overall research project) must provide the Institutional Review Board (IRB) number and sign to indicate that the IRB has approved the research design and the informed-consent form(s):

_____ _____
IRB # Signature

Are laboratory animals required in this research? ____Yes ____No

If **"Yes,"** the PI must provide the Animal Care Committee (ACC) authorization number and sign to indicate that the ACC has approved the research design:

_____ _____
ACC# Signature

The **student must sign here** to indicate completion of this section and of this proposal/prospectus as a whole:

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Student Signature

IV. **Major-Field Approval** – The mentor and the department chairperson or major-field director are responsible for critical reviews of this proposal/prospectus. Both mentor and chairperson/director must sign to indicate full approval. In addition to the mentor, the other two "readers" must sign this form on the designated lines. Comments, if any, may be made by the mentor, readers, or the chairperson/ director on separate, attached pages. **NOTE: This section may NOT be completed (signed) before completion of Section III.**

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Mentor Date

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Reader Date

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