

Thematic Dissertation Group Timeline

Semester:	Courses:	Key components:
Fall 2nd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiry II: EDUC 536 (3 units) Inferential or Interpretive (based on chair's recommendation) • One concentration course (3 units) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may informally meet with your thematic group on days that do not conflict with your EDUC 536 and concentration course if the Thematic Chair chooses to do so. Thematic group meetings are not required in the fall semester.
Spring 2nd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 792 (3 units) • One concentration course (3 units) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 792 meetings; day/time/location determined by the Committee Chair in concert with group; ~38 contact hours between chair & students. • You may write chapter one and two of your dissertations during this semester; credit is given based upon syllabus requirements. • Identify second and third committee members. • <i>Submit: 1) Appointment of Committee form and 2) Outside Member Approval form, if third member is not USC faculty to the Ed.D. Office 30 days prior to your Qualifying Exam Proposal defense.</i>
Summer 2nd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 790 (3 units) • One concentration course (3 units) • EDUC 599: Special Topics (2 units) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the proposal (Chapters 1-3), prepare for the Qualifying Exam and Oral Defense of proposal and submit IRB proposal. • Register for EDUC 790, a 12-week course. • Submit IRB Proposal (http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/upirb/) after chair approves methodology. • Complete Qualifying Exam NO LATER THAN the fall registration deadline to register for fall 794a. If Proposal Oral Defense is not scheduled before the last day to add for the fall semester, please contact your Ed.D. Academic Advisor. Contact Margaret Cyrus for room reservations and to arrange outside member parking. • <i>When you pass your Qualifying Exam, chairs submit the Report on Ed.D. Qualifying Exam, with permission to enroll in EDUC 794A indicated, to the Ed.D. Program Office.</i>
Fall 3rd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 794A (2 units) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you do not pass Quals by the last day to add/drop classes, and if you have no remaining content courses, you must enroll in EDUC 791 for the fall and then take both 794a & b in the spring (in order to graduate in Spring). • Begin collecting data after receiving IRB approval. • Chapters 4 & 5 are regularly reviewed by chair, who continues to monitor progress. • Chair signs Permit to Enroll for EDUC 794b for spring registration.
Spring 3rd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 794B (2 units) • Graduation in May! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Chapters 4 & 5. • Work with DSC for quick review of formatting or work directly with an independent editor if you want more detailed feedback. • Conduct dissertation defense in the spring if final draft is approved. • Contact Margaret Cyrus for room reservations and to arrange outside member parking. • Contact your Ed.D. Academic Advisor about steps for creating your Thesis Center profile and the dissertation submission process. • Refer to graduate school website for dissertation deadlines and further information on dissertation process: http://www.usc.edu/schools/GraduateSchool/current_thesis_dissert.html • Create your profile, upload the Appointment of Committee Form, and receive your Committee's approval on your Approval to Submit link on Thesis Center. • Deadline to submit dissertation to Graduate School with May conferral date is the last week of March; August conferral date deadline is the last week of June.