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PY-921 Dissertation Completion / Extension

2 Units
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Course Description

The dissertation completion course consist of supporting the student in finalizing all chapters of the dissertation and compiling the dissertation into a complete form. (Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The student then defends the dissertation before a select panel and must pass the defense, complete any recommendations, and bind the dissertation before being qualified for graduation. This course will be repeated for credit each module until successful completion of the dissertation. Successful defense of the dissertation and required changes/edits must be made before a student is eligible to walk at the commencement ceremony. A bound copy of the approved dissertation must be received by the Dean of Behavioral Science before transcripts of the conferred degree are to be released from the register's office.

Once enrollment in the dissertation sequence has begun, a student must register each module until the dissertation is completed. *Prerequisite: PY- 915*

Professor's Comment

Each student will have a Dissertation Committee, incorporating a Chair, Reader and the Dissertation Coordinator. Communication and direction with the dissertation process will come predominantly from the Chair. Students will use the Dissertation Handbook to direct the dissertation process, but the listed textbook will also help in completing the various chapters.

Required Textbooks

1. *The Holy Bible*. A translation based on formal equivalence, such as the *New King James Version* or the *New American Standard Bible*, is recommended for study.
2. Roberts, C. (2010). *The Dissertation Journey, 2nd Ed.* Sage Publishing. ISBN 978-1-4129-7797-5 (cloth) or 978-1-4129-7798-2 (pbk.)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite/Recommended Preparation

For those starting before 2014, PY-805, PY-905, PY-920. For those starting after 2014, PY-805, PY-905, PY-910, PY-915.

Course Requirements

To receive credit for PY-920, the student must turn in quality drafts of all five chapters. They will be able to make finalize the dissertation once enrolled in PY-921.

Other Helpful Information**Attendance Policy**

The Dissertation Chair will arrange days, times, and formats in which the student will meet with the committee members. It is appropriate to use electronic means to communicate as well.

Continuous Enrollment

Once a student enrolls in Dissertation Completion/Extension, they must stay enrolled until completion and has up to five years to complete this. Each trimester, the student will receive a No Credit until all five chapters are complete. The student will then receive credit (upon approval of the Chair) and will enroll in PY-921, Dissertation Completion to complete the defense and the final draft of the dissertation.

Late Course Work Policy

Students are expected to follow the deadlines placed by their Dissertation Chair.

Academic Integrity

Southern California Seminary expects its students to conduct themselves honestly in their personal and academic lives. If evidence arises of academic dishonesty, the dean of the program will investigate the matter and take appropriate action.

Offenses Against Academic Integrity

Cheating: is never tolerated at SCS.

Plagiarism: can occur intentionally or inadvertently. Intentional acts of plagiarism involve knowingly and willingly treating another person's work as one's own original work. It includes copying or imitating the words, sentences, outlines, or ideas of another person. Inadvertent plagiarism can occur when a student fails to properly cite original sources. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at SCS. Therefore, all offenses of plagiarism will be reported to the dean of the program in which the offense occurred and an investigation will be made to determine what disciplinary action should be taken.

Aiding or Conspiring in the Commission of Plagiarism. Helping someone commit plagiarism is viewed as equally dishonest as plagiarism, for all participating parties.

Multiple Submissions. Multiple submissions occurs when a student submits a paper that was written for another course as if it were an original paper satisfying the requirements of the present course. Attempting to submit such work is deceptive and a form of academic dishonesty. On the occasion that a student's previous work has some potential for expansion, improvement, or to serve as a starting point for another line of thought (as with Doctrinal Summary/Synopsis) the student will be advised by the professor to what extent a particular previous work may be permitted. The professor may require that a copy of the previous work be submitted with the later work.

Penalty Guidelines for Offenses against Academic Integrity

Upon determination by the appropriate dean that an offense against academic integrity has occurred, the dean, in conjunction with the professor, will penalize the student according to the following guidelines.

1. When investigation reveals that the offense constitutes an inadvertent violation of academic integrity (the student acted ignorantly), the dean may issue a written warning, which will become a part of the student's record. Upon agreement of the dean and the professor, the student may be afforded the opportunity to correct the offense and resubmit the assignment for whole or partial credit.
2. When investigation reveals that the offense constitutes an intentional breach of academic integrity the student will suffer the immediate penalty of the grade F (0%) on the assignment, test, etc. Furthermore, the dean may impose additional discipline such as a failing grade in the course in which the offense occurred or recommendation of the student to the Academic Affairs Committee for suspension or expulsion.
3. A repeated willful offense will result in the immediate penalty of a failing grade in the course in which the offense occurred. Furthermore, determination will be made concerning what further discipline is necessary, whether suspension, expulsion, or otherwise.
4. SCS reserves the right to revoke a degree if it finds that plagiarism was committed to earn it.

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