

First Submission

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____ **Transmittal letter:** It is your responsibility to obtain your Committee Chair's signature on this form. Your department's graduate designee can print this form for you and must submit this form for you through GIMS before you attempt to submit your document for review by the Editorial Office. Please allow your home academic unit adequate time for processing this form.

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Next, you are advised, via email, if you successfully met requirements—if rejected, you may only have until the close of business on deadline day to remedy the situation. Once you pass the first submission and within 15 business days, you will receive another email with recommended changes and directions on the final submission. Do not wait until deadlines to submit, as there are several hundred students in the process. Please get on the list early; we recommend submitting at least five (5) business days in advance of all deadlines, but you must submit your finalized document no later than the [Final Submission Deadline](#).

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Final Submission

Your department designee submits this item via GIMS:

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You submit the following items via GIMS:

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