

Course Numbers	EDLD740B EDS286
Course Title	Advanced Topics in Leadership: Dissertation Proposal Writing
Course Day(s)	9/29; 10/3; 10/17; 11/7; 11/14; 11/28; 12/1
Time	Saturdays 10am-4pm and Tuesdays 6-9pm
Course Location	CSUSM Kellogg Library 5102
Semester / Year	Fall 2018
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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course aims to support JDP students in writing their dissertation proposals along with adopting strategies that improve their writing process.

Student Learning Outcomes

In the end of this course, students will:

- Develop an understanding of oneself as a writer
- Make progress on their dissertation proposal writing
- Develop the skills to optimize their writing process

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- Conduct purposeful research
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Basic Tenets of CSUSM School of Education Conceptual Framework

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- Strong engagement between faculty and candidates
- Co-teaching clinical practice
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CSUSM School of Education attendance policy

Students *must* participate in 80% of the course sessions to receive credit for this course. Additional absences may further impact the course grade. If the absence is predictable (e.g. professional obligation), the student should inform the instructor ahead of time. If the absence is unanticipated, the student should initiate contact with the instructor as soon as possible. Notification of an absence does not constitute an excuse.

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must seek approval for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS). This office is in Craven Hall 4300, contact by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours. Alternatively, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy

“Students will be expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. All written work and oral assignments must be original work. All ideas/materials that are borrowed from other sources must have appropriate references to the original sources. Any quoted material should give credit to the source and be punctuated with quotation marks. Students are responsible for honest completion of their work including examinations. There will be no tolerance for infractions. If you believe there has been an infraction by someone in the class, please bring it to the instructor’s attention. The instructor reserves the right to discipline any student for academic dishonesty in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the university. Disciplinary action may include the lowering of grades and/or the assignment of a failing grade for an exam, assignment, or the class as a whole.”

OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

The following Community Agreements and Teaching/Learning philosophy will serve as the foundational principles by which we relate to each other as we learn together. As a community, we can add specifics to these principles as we need.

Community Agreements

- We speak from our own experience
- We are open to hearing others
- We share air time
- We are willing to have our thinking challenged
- We respect confidentiality
- We share experiences that are issue focused, not necessarily who said it or where
- Each of us participates using a “value added” approach by expanding upon ideas, providing examples, and/or expressing a different perspective.

COURSE READINGS

There are no readings for this course.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Participation (60 points):** Your attendance and active participation during face-to-face meetings are essential to achieving the student learning outcomes for this course. Students are expected to come prepared to write, participate in classroom activities, and engage in meaningful conversations that support the further development of targeted knowledge and skills. Students will receive 10 points for meeting the above requirements for each face-to-face meeting.
- 2. Submit the Latest Version/Draft of Your Dissertation Proposal (40 points):** You will submit the latest version/draft of your dissertation proposal in Cougar Courses Turnitin.
- 3. Submit Your Plan/Goals for this Class (10 points):** You will share your plan and goals for this class in Cougar Courses. A template will be provided to help you identify your writing goal and how to achieve this goal throughout the course.
- 4. Submit CITI Certificate (10 points):** As part of the Intuitional Review Board (IRB) process, every researcher must go through an online training called CITI (Collaborative Intuitional Training Initiative) and earn a CITI certificate as an evidence of completing their training. You will submit your CITI certificate to the designated folder in Cougar Courses. If you already completed the CITI training in another class, then login to the CITI website and download the copy of your certificate and upload it to the Cougar Courses. If you have not completed the CITI training, you need to create an account and go through the online training to earn your certificate. Instructions for how to setup CITI training are provided in Cougar Courses.
- 5. Submit Your Logic Model (20 points):** A logic model is a tool researchers use to organize their research project goals, planning, and evaluation. It helps researchers to think through different components of their project and how they connect to produce anticipated outcomes. Think about a logic

model as an abstraction or representation of a research project. You will develop a logic model in the beginning of the course using Google Drawings. A logic model template will be provided to help you organize, develop strategies, and reflect on the problem you would like to solve, i.e. the reason why you are doing your research study.

6. **Create and Enter Your Progress into a Writing Progress Log (50 points):** The purpose of creating a writing progress log is to keep track of your writing and learn more about yourself as a writer. A progress log template will be provided to help you record and reflect on your dissertation proposal writing progress. You will create a writing progress log using a Google Sheets and submit the link in the designated folder in Cougar Courses. You will enter your progress into the log at the end of each writing workshop (a total of 5 times; each entry is worth 10 points).
7. **Submit Your IRB Application & Forms (40 points):** After you defend your dissertation proposal and before you can collect data, you must fill out an IRB application form along with consent forms for your participants. You will draft the IRB application form and consent forms and submit them to Cougar Courses.
8. **Submit Dissertation Proposal Draft/Latest Version (40 points):** You will submit a new version/draft of your dissertation proposal at the end of the course.
9. **Submit Revised Logic Model (20 points):** Throughout the course, you will modify the logic model you created in the beginning of the course as you write and think through the connections between the different components of your dissertation proposal. You will submit the revised version of your logic model that matches with the latest version/draft of your dissertation proposal.

GRADING STANDARDS

94% – 100% A	90% – 93% A-
87% – 89% B+	84% – 86% B
80% – 83% B-	77% – 79% C+
74% – 76% C	70% – 73% C-
60% – 69% D	Below 60% F

If you are unable to submit an assignment by the due date, it is your responsibility to contact the instructor before the due date. This rubric below represents general guidelines we will use to evaluate your work. As a doctoral candidate it is critical that you communicate your ideas through multiple formats. The written word is a powerful demonstrator of your knowledge, skills and disposition. Therefore, we hold high expectations of your performance and we are committed to providing you with useful and meaningful feedback that will support your learning and continued development as an educational leader.

General Evaluation/Feedback Rubric

Does not meet standards (B or below)	Approaching Standards (A-/B+)	Meets Standards (A)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes some of the required elements as delineated in the syllabus • Some components of the assignment are included • Provides a few concrete details of the information required for the assignment • Includes personal viewpoints • Organization hard to follow • Many mechanical errors, including APA format • Hard to read • Little sentence/vocabulary variety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes required elements as delineated in the syllabus • All components of the assignment are included • Provides concrete details of the information required for the assignment • Includes personal viewpoints • Good organization • Has few, if any, mechanical errors including APA format • Holds interest – is interesting to read • Some sentence/vocabulary variety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes required elements as delineated in the syllabus • All components of the assignment are included • Provides concrete details of the information required for the assignment and makes clear connections to class discussions, readings and activities • Insightful commentary using personal viewpoints supported by current learning • Presents clear and logical organization of thoughts • Has few, if any, mechanical errors including APA format • Holds interest – is engaging and thought-provoking to the audience • Uses a sophisticated scholar researcher vocabulary and sentence structure

In general, we believe a doctoral student:

- Completes all assignments on time and demonstrates the ability to summarize, analyze, and/or reflect at sophisticated and complex levels.
- Varies sources of information for assignments, demonstrating high degree of effort in pursuing varied perspectives around important educational issues.
- Completes all the reading assignments and develops thoughtful and thorough responses.

- Produces work that reveals a strong commitment to self-discovery and learning.
- Produces work at a highly professional level in terms of both writing and content.
- Develops a high quality presentation, demonstrating significant learning around a contemporary issue.
- Presents confidently and intelligently, demonstrating effective teaching skills.
- Completes assignments in/out of class with a focus on learning and exploration, pushing him/herself to better understand the profession through quality work.
- Attends every class meeting and is fully engaged during class.
- Pushes him/herself to new understandings by participating in discussions, sharing his/her opinions, and valuing others' perspectives.
- Contributes to the positive environment of the class by respecting all members.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Class Meeting	Date	Topic	Assignments
1	SATURDAY September 29 10AM-4PM	Generating a Logic Model Generating a Progress Log Writing Workshop I Logging in Your Progress Participation (10 pts.)	Due SUNDAY, September 30: 1. Post your plan/goals for this class on CC (10 pts.) 2. Create and post writing progress log (10 pts.)
2	WEDNESDAY October 3 6-9PM	Online no face-to-face class	Due WEDNESDAY, October 3: 1. Submit Logic Model (20 pts.) 2. Submit latest version/draft of proposal (40 pts.) 3. Take CITI training (if you haven't done it already) and submit your CITI certificate to Cougar Courses. (10 pts.) 4. Login Your Progress (10 pts.)
3	WEDNESDAY October 17 6-9PM	Writing Workshop II Logging in Your Progress Participation (10)	Due SUNDAY, October 21: 1. Login Your Progress (10 pts.)
4	WEDNESDAY	Institutional Review Board (IRB)	Due SUNDAY, November 11:

	November 7 6-9PM	Application Preparation Logging in Your Progress Participation (10)	1. Login Your Progress (10pts.)
5	WEDNESDAY November 14 6-9PM	Writing Workshop III Participation (10)	Due SUNDAY, November 25: 1. Login Your Progress (10 pts.) 2. Submit your IRB Application Form and Consent Forms to CC (40 pts.)
6	WEDNESDAY November 28 6-9PM	Writing Workshop IV Participation (10)	See below.
7	SATURDAY December 1 10AM-4PM	Writing Workshop V Participation (10)	Due SUNDAY, December 2: 1. Login Your Progress (10 pts.) 2. Submit revised Logic Model (20 pts.) 3. Submit latest version/draft of proposal (40 pts.)

CSUSM, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

(Adopted by SOE Governance Community, January 2013)

Vision

To serve the educational needs of local, regional, and global communities, the School of Education advances innovative practice and leadership by generating, embracing, and promoting equitable and creative solutions.

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