

Dissertation Prospectus Evaluation¹

Student Name: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

Dissertation Chair: _____

Research Problem, Theory, and Research Questions

1. The prospectus describes a research or social problem that is clearly relevant to Social Work/
Social Welfare.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

2. The prospectus provides a sound overview of the relevant research literature in this area.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

3. The prospectus includes a conceptual framework and/or theoretical orientation relevant to the
problem under study.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

4. The research questions are clearly articulated.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

5. The research questions are logically related to the research /social problem previously
identified.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

6. The research questions are logically related to the theory or conceptual framework.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

Methods

7. Overall, the methods described are clearly linked to the research questions and a well-
established epistemological perspective.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

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8. The methods are of a sufficient scope and rigor likely to produce original knowledge and the potential of significant scholarly contribution to the field of Social Welfare.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

9. The sampling, measures, data collection approach, and analysis techniques are appropriate to the research questions posed. *(This question could be divided into four separate questions if preferred.)*

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

10. The prospectus addresses human subjects concerns and outlines a plan for obtaining CPHS approvals.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

Timeline

11. A realistic timeline is described in sufficient detail.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

Overall Assessment and Next Steps

Committee member completing this form: _____

The dissertation prospectus needs:

Major revision Modest revision Minor revision

Dissertation prospectus approved:

YES NO

Comments: