

Dissertation Prospectus Options

STUDENT NAME _____

USC ID# _____

Students are required to write a dissertation prospectus that is approved by their Dissertation Committee. The dissertation prospectus is a document that articulates the dissertation project, methodology, justification, and outline of chapters. The prospectus should be completed in a process that runs parallel to, or in conjunction with, the qualifying exam. During the semester prior to taking a qualifying exam, a student, in collaboration with their advisor, will choose one of three options:

Please circle the dissertation prospectus option that you have chosen:

- A. The prospectus will be distributed and discussed with the committee before the qualifying examination.
- B. The prospectus will be handed in at the time the written portion of the qualifying exam is submitted to the committee and then discussed as part of the oral exam. *For this option, the prospectus must be approved by the committee in order for students to pass their qualifying exam.*
- C. The prospectus will be distributed and examined no more than 90 days after the defense. If the student completes the qualifying exam during the spring semester such that the 90 day deadline falls during summer recess, the prospectus must be submitted within 90 days and then defended and approved by the committee no later than the end of the third week of the fall semester.

Student's Signature

Date

Faculty Chair's Signature

Date

Return completed form 30 days prior to beginning the written portion of the qualifying examination to Anne Marie Campian at campian@usc.edu or in ASC 307A.