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Introduction

Writing and submitting the dissertation are among the final steps leading to the award of the PhD degree. At the University of Pennsylvania, a student presents and defends the dissertation publicly, and then, with the approval of the dissertation committee and graduate group chair, submits the final manuscript for publication. Finally, the PhD degree is awarded to the candidate upon the recommendation of the Graduate Council of the Faculties.

This manual documents the University’s requirements regarding the format for the manuscript, online submission process, and supporting documents. The Dissertation Manual can be used in conjunction with the new Dissertation Template -- a Word file preformatted with the approved margins, pagination, fonts, etc. Beginning in AY 2011-12, all PhD dissertations must be submitted in digital format through ProQuest's ETD Administrator module.

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**Dissertation Template:** A Word template is available to help you format the dissertation correctly. It paginates according to University requirements and can be used to generate the Table of Contents, format the margins, etc. When using the Dissertation Template, all italicized notes must be deleted and the highlighted text must be personalized. The [Dissertation Template](http://www.upenn.edu/provost/dissertation_resources) (and a version for Wharton Doctoral Dissertations) is available online at http://www.upenn.edu/provost/dissertation_resources

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- **Preliminary Pages**, in the following order:
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  - Acknowledgment (optional)
  - Abstract
  - Table of Contents
  - List of Tables (If lengthy, it may be included as an appendix.)
  - List of Illustrations (If lengthy, it may be included as an appendix.)
  - Preface (optional)

**Main Text**

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**Index** (optional except for graduate groups in Architecture, City & Regional Planning, Earth & Environmental Science, East Asian Languages & Civilization, Folklore & Folklife, Near Eastern Languages & Civilization, South Asia Regional Studies)

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PRACTICAL ADVICE: THE EFFECT OF "POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC"
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The same elements that transformed the political structure of the British colonies in North America, first through revolution and later through a new constitution, were also eager to promote a similar transformation of social relations among Americans. But at the time of the Revolution, there was no widespread consensus on how Americans should act towards one another nor an official aristocracy whose manners were expected to set the tone for the larger society. Benjamin Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanack" sought to fill this void through the means of pithy homilies issued by an "ordinary" American of the day. Examining its text, one finds both significant guidance concerning interpersonal relations in a society which officially had shed the formal class distinctions of the mother country, practical suggestions for new arrivals in the cities, and useful tips for those working the land in a country that was still largely unsettled. The book also served as the original model for a uniquely American literary form, the self-help book, which in the United States soon took the place of custom and clan as a means of providing the average individual with clues to proper behavior. Through this book, Franklin had an influence on everyday American manners that was every bit as significant as his influence on American scientific and intellectual life.
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PhD Exit Survey: Instructions for completing the online survey will be forwarded to degree candidates by the Graduate Division.
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*(Check -- even if you used the Dissertation Template)*

1. Is every page of the dissertation correctly numbered? Are all pages included?
2. Is a bibliography and/or index required by your graduate group?
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4. Does the supervisor’s name (without the faculty title) appear on the abstract? Is the name typed accurately and in the proper place, so that it is clearly indicated that s/he is the supervisor and not the author?
5. Are all charts, graphs, and other special illustrative materials legible? Are they in the correct order and position? Are they paginated?
6. Do you want to apply to register the copyright in the dissertation with the U.S. Copyright Office?
7. If a significant portion of a third person’s copyrighted work is included in your dissertation, have you obtained permission from the copyright owner? Have you submitted the Permission Letter as a Supplemental File in ETD Administrator? Did you name the file “Permission Letter – Do Not Publish”?
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Appendix A: Official Names of Graduate Groups

Africana Studies
Ancient History
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics and Computational Science
Architecture
Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World
Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics
Bioengineering
Biology
Cell and Molecular Biology
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Chemistry
City and Regional Planning
Classical Studies
Communication
Comparative Literature and Literary Theory
Computer and Information Science
Criminology
Demography
Earth and Environmental Science
East Asian Languages and Civilizations
Economics
Education
Electrical and Systems Engineering
English
Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Folklore and Folklife
Genomics and Computational Biology
Germanic Languages and Literatures
History of Art
History
History and Sociology of Science
Immunology
Linguistics
Managerial Science and Applied Economics
   Accounting
   Applied Economics
   Ethics and Legal Studies
   Finance
   Health Care Management & Economics
   Management
   Marketing
   Operations and Information Management
   Statistics
Materials Science and Engineering
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics
Music
Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Neuroscience
Nursing
Pharmacology
Philosophy
Physics and Astronomy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Romance Languages
Sociology
Social Welfare
South Asia Regional Studies
Appendix B: DELAY OF PUBLICATION REQUEST FORM

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Delay of more than one year requires permission of your Graduate Group Chair or Graduate Dean. Submit this form at the time you deposit your dissertation to document approval.

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