

## ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC POLICIES

**POLICY NAME:** Doctoral Final Oral Examination

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2013

LAST REVIEW: NEXT REVIEW:

**POLICY OWNER:** Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

**PROCEDURE CONTACT:** School of Graduate Studies

## POLICY/PROCEDURE:

At least seven weeks prior to the close of the semester in which graduation is anticipated, the student must schedule a final oral examination. At this time one copy of the dissertation, containing an abstract, must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies.

- The final oral examination is conducted by the final evaluation committee, consisting of five members. Membership consists of the same committee that served on the preliminary conference.
- A majority vote of the final evaluation committee is required to pass the final oral examination.
- A minimum of three weeks prior to graduation, the student must submit the final approved thesis for approval of form and style. See deadline on the academic calendar.

Dissertations are approved, bound, and placed on file as described in A Manual for the Preparation of Field Studies and Theses.