# Form A

**Academic Affairs - Course Proposal**

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**Academic Unit:** EDLP  
**Department Chair:** Dr. Edmund Lee  
**Date:** September 5, 2006

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- **Suffix & No.:** EDD 615  
- **Title:** Dissertation Proposal Seminar  
- **Units:** 3

**Semester Effective:** Fall X Spring 2007

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**JUSTIFICATION:**

The dissertation proposal seminar format is a powerful source of motivation and method of identifying and supporting individuals who are experiencing their own dissertation journey. Some of the most effective support groups are those that individuals create to avoid the isolation, loneliness and sense of overwhelm, and to maintain the necessary focus to sustain themselves.

**NEW COURSE DESCRIPTION:** (Not to exceed 80 words, and language should conform to catalog copy.)

See [http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/crspsl.htm](http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/crspsl.htm) - Guidelines for Catalog Course Description

This course provides faculty and peer guidance in preparation of material to develop the dissertation proposal. Students will be guided in the clarification of dissertation topic, familiarization with relevant literature, and the development of a sound methodology. Students will learn how to critically analyze and provide constructive criticism to key research components proposed by others. At the end of the course, students are expected to complete the first three chapters of their dissertation in anticipation of their dissertation defense.

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**Prerequisite:** Passed Ed. D. Qualifying Examination

**Corequisite:**

**CAN (California Articulation Number):**

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**Course Classification:** C-05  
**Title for SIS+ (not more than 25 characters):** Dissertation Proposal Seminar

**Cross Listed?**

- Yes No X

If yes, with what course:

**How Many Times Can This Course be Taken for Credit?** Once
FOR NEW COURSE PROPOSALS OR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES ONLY:

**Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes:** Describe outcomes using the following format: “Students will be able to: 1), 2), etc.” See the example at http://www.csus.edu/acaf/example.htm

Students will be able to:
1. Explain purpose and key components of a research proposal
2. Develop a clear and concise written proposal that is comprehensive and rigorous
3. Defend the key components in the proposal they generate
4. Critically analyze research proposals
5. Provide constructive criticism to strengthen research proposals

**Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities [Note: it is understood that these are updated and modified as needed by the instructor(s).] This attachment should be forwarded only to your Dean’s office, not Academic Affairs.

**Assessment Strategies:** A description of the assessment strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre-post tests, conferences with students, student papers) which will be used by the instructor to determine the extent to which students have achieved the learning outcomes noted above:

1. Class attendance and participation: 10%
2. Development of dissertation proposal: 50%
3. Presentation of dissertation proposal: 20%
4. Critical analysis of research proposals: 20%

**For whom is this course being developed?**

Students in CSUS Ed. D. in Educational Leadership Program

Majors in the Dept. Other Depts. Minors in the Dept. General Education Other X

Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate? Yes X No

If yes, identify program(s): CSUS Ed. D. in Educational Leadership Program

Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer facilities, faculty, etc.)? Yes No X

If yes, attach a description of resources needed and verify that resources are available.

Indicate which department or programs will be affected by the proposed course (if any).

The Department Chair’s signature below indicates that affected programs have been sent a copy of this proposal form.

**Approvals:** If proposed change, new course or deletion is approved, sign and date below. If not approved, forward without signing to the next reviewing authority, and attach an explanatory memorandum to the original copy.

**Signatures:**

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Distribution: Academic Affairs (original), Department Chair and College Dean. Dean’s office to send original after approval to Jerri McAtee, at zip 6016. An electronic copy must also be sent to mcateej@csus.edu.
Topics:

1. Purpose and components of research proposal
2. Developing conceptual framework of the study
3. Statement of the problem
4. Research design
5. Data collection methods
6. Data analysis methods
7. Defense of the proposal

Textbooks:


The following link provides you with titles of dissertations and theses books: http://www.umdnj.edu/idsweb/shared/dissertation_books.htm Also, Assorted readings and topic sources will be provided to you by your group faculty advisor.