

## Plan I Student Checklist

### Committee

- Identify faculty members who will serve on your committee.
- Verify all committee members have [Graduate Faculty Status](#).
- Work with your program to [Request Graduate Faculty Status](#) if a committee member does not yet have Graduate Faculty Status.
- Submit your [Committee Form](#) to the Graduate School.
- Need to make changes to your committee? Complete a [Change of Graduate Study Committee form](#).


### Candidacy

- Check the [Candidacy Deadlines](#) for the term you wish to enter candidacy.
- Request IRB/IACUC approval if your research involves human or animal subjects.
- Satisfy all Research Compliance requirements for your program.
- Submit your [Candidacy Application](#)
- Register for Thesis/Dissertation Hours

### Approval Forms and Your Public Defense

- Ensure you have submitted your Application for Degree in BlazerNET.
- Schedule your defense before the final defense deadline. [Find your application deadline](#).
- Request your [Thesis or Dissertation Approval Form](#).  
**NOTE:** This must be done a minimum of two weeks prior to your public defense, but should be done as early as possible once you know your defense date.

## Thesis/Dissertation

- Decide which style guide (APA, CBE, etc) will be used and arrangements for having your work edited by your committee.
- Familiarize yourself with  **UAB's format manual**. While some exceptions to this formatting may be appropriate based on program standards, the end result should be a consistently formatted and clean submission of publishable quality.

You can find a list of templates that may help you with formatting by visiting our [Templates resource page](#) and reviewing our [editing and publishing guidance](#).

Learn about  **common formatting errors**.

- Submit your thesis/dissertation as a single PDF to **ProQuest** within 10 business days of your final defense. You will be notified via email (usually within 5-7 business days) when your submission has been reviewed. Monitor your email closely so you can make any necessary changes.
- Complete the Survey of Earned Doctorates (applies to doctoral students only).
- Complete the Graduate School Exit Survey (applies to doctoral students only).