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DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS/TOPIC APPROVAL FORM**  
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Please complete this form to help the Office of Graduate Studies ensure students are in compliance with appropriate committee composition and Human/Animal Subjects Committee (IRB) endorsement. **IRB approval must be obtained before any research involving human subjects and/or animals is undertaken.** If a department does not require a prospectus, this form will serve as the substitute signifying approval of the student's research plan and appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) endorsement.

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**DISSERTATION TOPIC/PRELIMINARY TITLE**

**\*Does this research involve human subjects or animal subjects?**    Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, has Institutional Review Board approval been obtained?**    Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of IRB Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Defense/Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon the receipt of all appropriate approvals, one copy of the Dissertation Prospectus/Topic Approval Form must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies in 408 Westcott.**