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- You will only have 2 attempts at passing any section of the doctoral comprehensive exams. A second failure of any section of the doctoral comprehensive will result in permanent withdrawal from the doctoral program.
 - A minor can only be listed and awarded if it is a department-approved minor that follows the requirements of the Graduate Catalog, the student has taken new courses outside of master's degree (cannot be master's degree or courses used in 90-hour doctoral degree plan), one committee member must be from the minor department and the student must have taken a comprehensive exam over the minor held by the minor department.
 - Upon successful completion of your doctoral comprehensive exams and review by the Graduate School; you will become a doctoral candidate also known as admissions to candidacy.
 - After admissions to candidacy, you will be required to enroll in at least three hours of dissertation (718) each fall and spring semester until your degree is conferred. Summer enrollment is required if using university facilities/resources and/or counsel of your major adviser.
 - After all coursework has been completed, not including 718, you may qualify for reduced tuition. This is an automated process and you will see the tuition change the first semester after your doctoral candidacy has been awarded.
 - **99 hour rule:** You should be aware that in 1993 the legislature eliminated state funding for doctoral students who have completed more than 99 semester hours of credit while working on a doctoral program. It also provided that university Board of Regents could charge the non-resident tuition and fee rates for those students who exceed the 99 hours. If you currently pay in-state tuition, your rate will change to out-of-state student rates.
Our Board has instituted the non resident rate beginning the Fall 1999 semester.
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- If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Vicky Turner, Doctoral Degree Coordinator, 903/886-5167 or e-mail: Vicky.Turner@tamuc.edu.



DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SELECTION FORM

Texas A&M University-Commerce
OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Student's Email: _____ CWID: _____

Degree/Major: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

If any committee member listed below is not A&M-Commerce Graduate Faculty, the individual must gain [temporary graduate faculty status](#) before this committee is approved.

Listed below are the faculty members who will comprise my dissertation committee (for both proposal and final).

Major

Advisor: _____
(print name) (signature) (date)

Departmental Committee Member: _____
(print name) (signature) (date)

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(print name) (signature) (date)

Out-of-Department Committee Member: _____
(print name) (signature) (date)

According to TAMUC Rule 11.04.99.R0.23/1.5 the out-of-department dissertation committee member may be recruited by the department head, committee chair and/or the Dean of Graduate Studies. This committee member "is charged with bringing significant and helpful cross-disciplinary perspectives to bear on the research and writing of the dissertation." Such contributions may be in terms of suggesting related findings or methods from another discipline or a unique perspective on the problem under investigation as a result of the out-of-departments committee members experience, education or scholarship.

Approved by:

Department Head: _____
(print name) (signature) (date)

Dean of Graduate Studies: _____
(print name) (signature) (date)

Submit completed Dissertation Committee Selection form to the Office of Thesis and Dissertation Services: OTDS@tamuc.edu