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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

APPENDIX A: THESIS PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

- The proposal contains (1) the thesis title, (2) the name of the thesis faculty advisor, and (3) the names of two faculty members that participate in the thesis committee as readers.
- The proposed research represent original work, as demonstrated by an exhaustive review of relevant literature.
- The proposal clearly describes the theoretical foundation it is based on as well as its contribution to advancing knowledge about the underlying principles and theoretical constructs of human behavior and performance.
- The proposal contains a statement of thesis and objectives and significance of the research.
- The proposal contains a research plan, including a proposed timeline of major research activities.
- The proposal contains a detailed description of the planned research method
- The proposal contains description of the procedures planned for finding and recruiting subjects OR for obtaining pre-existing data or materials.
- The proposal contains description of the experimental apparatus or other materials and possible needs for equipment or software or other resources necessary for the research.
- The proposal contains a detailed description of the experimental design OR the analyses of pre-existing data
- The proposal contains a detailed description of the experimental procedures.
- The proposal clearly describes the independent variables and how they are to be manipulated, OR the data sources the research is based on.
- The proposal clearly describes the dependent variables and how they are to be measured, OR the metadata and how they are derived from pre-existing data.
- The proposal suggests practical applications for the results of the research.
- The proposed research appears to be of sufficient significance and quality for publication.