

DMA Essay (dissertation) Proposal Guideline, California Arts University

1. General Requirements

The DMA Essay (Dissertation) Proposal needs the topic presenting originality, contribution to existing scholarship, and the evidence and methods to support the project. The proposal must present a cogent argument and reasonable references to persuade the readers (committee). The proposal states a clear definition and description of the essay and includes the purpose of the essay.

2. Required information for the DMA Essay Proposals

- Submission Form
- Context and Introduction
 - 1-2 page
 - Background information to help readers understand the topic
- Purpose
 - 1-2 pages
 - mention why this topic is important
 - Problems (questions and sub-questions) and reasons to bring up the problems
 - Resolutions (answers) for each problem
 - The purpose should be justified by Significances of Research
- Significance of Research
 - 3-4 pages
 - State related previous researches to the problems
 - Experiment cases or statistical data (if the research requires)
 - References to support this research (citation in the Chicago style to avoid plagiarism)
 - References (including articles in journals and periodicals, scholarly books, scores, recordings, and editions both practical and scholarly) should be critical and established
- Bibliography
 - 1-2 pages
 - Chicago style

3. Proposal Format

- Pages: Do not exceed 10 pages

- Language: English or Korean
- Font: Times New Roman , Myeongjo
- Font size: 12
- Double-space the text of paper
- Margins: One inch (2.54 cm) margins on both sides and top & bottom
- Left justified text only
- Use ½" indent for paragraph beginnings
- PDF file only