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OUTLINE FOR DISSERTATION, THESIS, OR PROFESSIONAL PROJECT

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If your research involves humans, animals or hazardous materials, you are required to obtain approval from the Office of Research Compliance. Attach a copy of the "Protocol Summary Form", and subsequent approval letter.

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Committee Members - Each committee member must sign this form to indicate a formal agreement between you and your committee, and affirm that each committee member will read the dissertation / thesis / project and attend the defense (if required). If a committee member is not a faculty member at Marquette University, you are responsible for verifying that a current curriculum vitae is on file in the Graduate School or having one submitted to the Assistant Director for Student Records in the Graduate School.

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Additional Required Information:

A. Research Area

Research for this dissertation / thesis / professional project involves (check one):

Human Subjects (see below) Animal Care (see below) Not Applicable (skip to section B)

If human subjects, animal subjects, radioisotopes or recombinant DNA/transgenic organisms are involved in your research, you must also receive approval from the Office of Research Compliance (ORC) prior to initiating your research. The ORC requires you to submit the necessary protocol forms for review and approval of your research. For more information about this process, refer to the ORC Web site at www.marquette.edu/researchcompliance/ or contact the ORC office at (414) 288-1479. Approval of your outline by the Graduate School does not constitute approval by ORC. ORC forms should be submitted prior to or concurrent with your submittal to the Graduate School.

B. Title of Dissertation / Thesis / Professional Project

Do not exceed 120 characters including spaces, numbers, punctuation, etc., in your title so that it will fit on your official Marquette University transcript. Please *type* the title using upper and lower case as appropriate.

C. Statement of the Problem

State the problem in plain, non-technical English. You may state the problem again in technical language if required by your program.

D. Present Status of the Problem

Describe the problem *as reported* in the scholarly literature, not the state you have reached in studying the problem.

E. Statement of Materials (if appropriate)

For subjects in the sciences, briefly describe the apparatus or other materials.

F. Statement of Procedure or Methodology

Briefly describe the method or methods you will use in investigating the problem.

G. Outline (Tentative) of the Dissertation / Thesis / Professional Project

H. Bibliography

I. Tentative Timetable