



Finish Your Dissertation, Don't Let It Finish You!

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DESCRIPTION

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- The anatomy of the five chapters of your dissertation
- Making a compelling argument for why your study should be done
- Creating an exemplary literature review
- The best practices in research design
- Getting official approval from the Institutional Review Board

- Organizing your freshly collected data
 - Concluding your dissertation
 - Presenting a smooth oral defense
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