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What You Need To Know

What is an eTD?

- A copy of your thesis or dissertation saved as a PDF and available electronically
- PDFs can be created using Adobe Acrobat software and electronic archiving is available through the UMI eTD Administrator
- eTD Administrator is a web-based tool that streamlines the submission and administration process for students and graduate schools.
 - This is the portal through which eTDs will be submitted to the Graduate School and processed.

Process for Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation at TTU

Adapted from http://www.tntech.edu/images/stories/gradstudies/current/manual.pdf

- Student prepares draft copy of thesis/dissertation that is reviewed by committee chair.
- The draft is refined (maybe several times) and then a copy is submitted to the student's advisory committee. Note that a date, time, and place should be set that is convenient for all of the committee members for the presentation and final examination/defense of thesis/dissertation (no sooner than one week after you submit draft copy to committee).
- Committee provides recommendations for changes and/or additions. These are critically reviewed (for grammar, spelling, and content) with both the student's major professor and the individual committee members and incorporated as appropriate.
- □ The advisory committee-approved copy of the thesis/dissertation is then submitted to the Graduate School (through the eTD Administrator site—details on following slides) for format review to address any formatting that might impact compliance with university policies. The student must submit the original signed Certificate of Approval to the Graduate School as the committee's approval for the document format to be reviewed.
- Revisions recommended by the Graduate School must then be made. If there is any doubt about a requested revision, check with the Graduate School staff member who made the request. Once formatting issues are resolved, the student should submit the final copy of the thesis/ dissertation (ready for publication) through the eTD Administrator. If bound copies are desired, the "Binding Order Form" should be taken to the Graduate School along with any paper copies to be bound (refer to slide 21). Once all requirements for graduation have been met, the eTD will be forwarded to ProQuest for back-up storage and publication.



Process for Uploading eTD

- . Convert document to a .PDF file (other file types for multi-media are submitted as supplementary files).
- 2. Go to submission website at http://www.etdadmin.com/tntech/ and create an account.
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 - Select publishing option. Read and accept the publishing agreement.
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 - Enter details of the submission (e.g., degree to be conferred, subject).
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