Prior to beginning the dissertation research the student is required to submit a dissertation proposal. The proposal should be approximately 20 pages in length. It should provide a clear statement of the scholarly problem to be addressed; a review of previous scholarship; a discussion of the student's theoretical and methodological orientation to the problem; a provisional outline of the dissertation as a whole; a plan of research, including discussion of the texts and/or archives to be consulted, research sites chosen, and a timetable; and a bibliography of two-three pages.

The proposal is orally defended before the candidate's committee of no fewer than 3 members present; the proposal defense is open to all MEALAC faculty and students. With the acceptance of the proposal the student becomes ABD, and may commence research.

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