

# THE NEW SCHOOL DISSERTATION GUIDELINES

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I. Scope and Purpose	1
II. Definitions	2
III. Methods and Problems	5

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Electronic Style: A Guide to Citing Electronic Information by Xia Li and Nancy B. Crane (call number REF DESK/ PN171.D37 L5 1993)

Surviving Your Dissertation: A Comprehensive Guide to Content and Process by Kjell Erik Rudestram (Call number REF DESK/ LB2369. R83 1992)

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