

Graduate Programs Upload Procedures

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Advisor and Student:

1. The **Student**
 - a. Complete the Graduate Programs Upload Authorization Form, including providing four to six English keywords describing their project.
 - b. Submit the Upload Authorization Form along with the PDF of their project to their **advisor**.
 - i. **The PDF should meet Accessibility Compliance.** See the [Library webpage](#) for instructions on how to accomplish this.
2. The **advisor** checks the quality of this final PDF version of the student's project.
 - a. The **advisor** is responsible for a general check of diacritic signs, graphics, tables, presence of a title page, the body of work divided into chapters, bibliography, an abstract, and keywords, and to check that no personal details of the student are attached to the electronic format of the thesis.
 - i. The faculty advisor's responsibility is to safeguard sensitive material and make sure that it is not sent to the library or uploaded to any digital collection supported by Otterbein.
 - b. The **advisor** and the **student** must agree on the appropriate embargo period, if any, by selecting the related box on the [Upload Authorization Form](#).
 - i. An embargo is a delay on a full publication that is enforced automatically for the length chosen. The full publication is the state wherein the PDF is fully searchable and downloadable. After that specific embargo period, the PDF will become fully accessible and available for download.
 - ii. Please note that even during an embargo, the abstract is always fully searchable and available for download; enforcing an embargo only restricts access to the document PDF.
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 - iv. **Advisors** and **students** will have the option of imposing an embargo for the following periods: no embargo, 6 months, 1 year, or 2 years.
3. Once the entire form is complete, the **advisor** must sign the form and return it to the **student**.
4. The **student** submits the paper (not poster) to the **OhioLINK ETD**: go to the [Library's Thesis/Dissertation Graduate Program page](#), then click on the link entitled "**OhioLINK ETD**."
 - a. Click on New User Register Here, select "Submitter/Student Account" and follow the prompts.
 - i. Enter the ORCID number or follow the prompts to receive an ORCID number if the student does not already have one. ORCID numbers are unique personal identifiers that make it easier to locate specific authors, especially useful if the author's name is similar to others already in publication. You can also register your ORCID at <https://orcid.org/register>.
 - b. Call 614-823-1984 or email digitalcommons07@otterbein.edu for assistance.
 - c. The **student** will receive an email notification once the submission has been reviewed.
5. The student submits the paper (and poster if there is one) to the **Digital Commons**, by creating an account at <http://digitalcommons.otterbein.edu/> and following these steps:
 - a. On the left navigation, click on "[Student Scholarship](#)"
 - b. On the right hand side, scroll down and select the appropriate program (Masters or Doctorate)

- c. Looking at the left hand side, under "Author Corner," the select "Submit Research."
 - d. Next, the student must agree to a Publication Agreement, which gives Otterbein certain rights and access to the document. Copies of the publication agreement are available upon request.
 - e. Complete the upload process by following all the prompts.
6. The **student** now turns the completed Upload Authorization Form in at the library, attention Jane Wu (or emails a scanned copy to digitalcommons07@otterbein.edu).

Graduate School:

1. The **student** submits the document to the OhioLINK ETD. The OhioLINK ETD program notifies the Graduate School and the Library via email of the submission. The **student** submits their document to the Digital Commons and by turning in their Upload Authorization Form, notifies the library of the submission.
2. If the submission contains errors, the library works with the student and advisor to correct errors and to resubmit the document. Helpful hints and other submission information can be found via the OhioLINK ETD Library webpage and at the Digital Commons.
3. The library releases the document from the OhioLINK ETD to the public view once the PDF file is in the accepted format, respecting all embargoes
4. For the **Allied Health** program, copies of the cover sheet, signed by the student and their faculty committee, are retained and kept on file by the HSS office. Allied Health students may upload their documents to the Digital Commons and the OhioLINK ETD without including the signed cover sheet if the appropriate box has been checked on the upload authorization form.

Library:

1. The Digital & Web Services Librarian accepts the completed Upload Authorization Form.
2. The library will assist students regarding formatting and uploading documents to the OhioLINK ETD.
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4. Jane Wu, Digital & Web Services Librarian, coordinates the ETD & Digital Commons activities, serves as a liaison for the OhioLINK ETD, and maintains the campus ETD website.

Process for Embargo Access Requests:

- **Abstracts** of graduate program documents under embargo are immediately accessible by the public. Access to the document PDF is restricted to all users, including Otterbein affiliates until the embargo period ends.