



## GRADUATE PACKET FOR THESES

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### **IN THE PACKET ATTACHED, YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING SAMPLES AND LINKS:**

1. Graduate Student M forms checklist for Thesis Preparation.
2. Copies of FORMS ‘M1’ through ‘Final ETD Approval form.’ Forms are available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/student-forms.shtml>. All information SHOULD be typed.
3. BE SURE TO CHECK ALL DEADLINES. You can always get the latest deadlines by visiting the University Graduate School Deadlines for Theses and Dissertation at the following link: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/electronic-thesis-dissertation-deadlines.shtml>
4. “SAMPLE THESIS DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT” to be used when preparing the oral thesis defense announcement that is attached to FORM ‘M3.’ The announcement must include the following components: purpose, methods, findings, and conclusion. It must be no longer than one page.
5. Information on the BINDING of the thesis for personal use, for committee members, etc.
6. Information on the use of Human Subjects and Animal Research.
7. A summary of the mandatory ETD submission and detailed Information can be found at the following link: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/electronic-thesis-dissertation.shtml>

### **NOTES:**

- i.) The Regulations for thesis and dissertation preparation manual is available at [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Manual\\_Regulations.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Manual_Regulations.pdf). It is the candidate’s responsibility to follow the requirements in effect when the manuscript is filed. Do not use dissertations previously filed for format and examples.
- ii.) In addition to these forms, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION TO THE REGISTRAR’S OFFICE THROUGH PANTHERSOFT. For inquiries please contact ONE STOP at SASC 126 or the GRADUATION OFFICE at 305-348-2341. See deadline in the Academic Calendar found at: <http://onestop.fiu.edu/academic-calendar/>

## **Graduate Student M forms Checklist:**

### **DEADLINES**

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#### **Form M1 – Appointment of Thesis Committee**

To be submitted at the time your committee is formed but no later than 2 semesters before the anticipated graduation term.

#### **Form M2 – Master’s Thesis Proposal**

Attach a copy of proposal not to exceed five pages and submit no later than 1 semester before the anticipated graduation term.

#### **Form M3 – Preliminary Approval of Thesis and Request of Oral Defense**

MUST be submitted to the University Graduate School 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE DEFENSE or by the UGS deadline (whichever date is earlier). Attach a copy of the thesis with the M3 and email announcement in Word format to [ugs@fiu.edu](mailto:ugs@fiu.edu)

#### **Final ETD Approval:**

Signed form in original ink with required documentation. See [documentation requirements](#).

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL BULLETIN  
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Master's Thesis Defense

**Abstract**

The Phonological Analysis of Bilingual Creole-English Speaking Children Living in South Florida

by

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The purpose of this study was to gather normative data on the phonological system of bilingual Creole-English Speaking Haitian American children ages three and five living in south Florida and to compare their performances to already established normative data for monolingual English speaking children. Forty normally developing bilingual participants of low socio-economic groups from the North Miami and Central Miami area were chosen for this study.

Participants were tested using the Sounds-in-Words section of the Goldman-Fristoe Test of Articulation-2 and a Haitian Creole picture naming assessment with a similar format to the GFTA-2. Results indicated that the percentage of correct phonemes in Haitian Creole ( $M = 91.59.45$ ,  $SD = 6.52$ ) were not significantly different ( $p = .264$ ) when compared to the percentage of correct production of the same phonemes in English ( $M = 92.78$ ,  $SD = 8.16$ ). Further analysis revealed that the accuracy of all phonemes was higher for the group of five-year-olds ( $M = 90.84$ ,  $SD = 7.40$ ) ( $p = .008$ ) in Haitian Creole. In addition, the group of five-year-olds had higher accuracy producing English phonemes ( $M = 90.32$ ,  $SD = 5.17$ ) compared to the performance of the group of three-year-old participants ( $M = 81.82$ ,  $SD = 9.56$ ) ( $p = .002$ ).

These findings revealed that the pattern phonological development in bilingual Haitian American children was similar to patterns reported in other bilingual children. This information is essential for professionals who work with bilingual Haitian American children in terms of evaluation and treatment.

**Date:** November 23, 2004  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** MMC, HLS 335

**Department:** Communication Sciences and Disorders  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Lemmietta McNeilly

## **IRB/IACUC APPROVAL**

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Any questions regarding IRB/ IACUC procedures should be directed to your college IRB/ IACUC representative at (305) 348-2494/ E-mail: [irbiacuc@fiu.edu](mailto:irbiacuc@fiu.edu). Application and other materials and information can be obtained from <http://research.fiu.edu/iacuc/index.html>.

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### **Graduate Policy and Procedure Manual**

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