

What is an ETD?

An Electronic Thesis or Dissertation (ETD) is the electronic representation of your thesis or dissertation. It is the same as its paper counterpart in content and organization, and it should meet FIU's formatting requirements. Please refer to our formatting manual at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/thesis.html> for more information.

Who can use the ETD?

Any student prepared to submit his/her final copy and form(s) to the University Graduate School (UGS) can utilize the ETD option.

Why is the ETD a better option for me?

Overall, the ETD is greener, more cost-effective and allows for quicker access to your research, should you so choose.

Whereas paper copies can spend months waiting to be bound and distributed, your electronic document can be available much more quickly, and you may be able to reduce or eliminate the costs of printing and binding. Committee members may, however, still require a paper copy for their part of the review process and/or for departmental archives.

Note: it is important to recognize the distinction between electronic submission and electronic publication:

Electronic submission means that rather than printing your thesis or dissertation and submitting paper copies to the Graduate School, you will submit your final document electronically as a WORD file in DigitalCommons.

Electronic publication refers to the ways in which your electronic thesis or dissertation will be made available to others.

Will my department support the ETD option?

The UGS and FIU Libraries have collaborated with several departments across the disciplines on the ETD project at FIU. Submission via the ETD option is at the sole discretion of the student. Again, your major professor, committee or department may have their own internal specifications for reviewing your thesis/dissertation prior to submission (both non-ETD and ETD); you should consult with them to make sure you are up to date on their requirements.

How much does the ETD option cost?

The only required cost for students choosing the ETD option at FIU is related to microfilming. The current cost for microfilming is updated on our cashier's receipt at: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/ETD_cashiersmemo_fall%2009.pdf.

Ok, I'm sold – how do I “do” an ET(or)D?

Step-by-step instructions on submitting your electronic thesis or dissertation will be available on the University Graduate School's ETD page: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/etd.html>.

Who can I talk to if I have questions?

Questions related to M and D forms, formatting or other general questions can be directed to Yanelis Martinez or Renaissance McIntyre in the UGS at (305)348-2455 or ugs@fiu.edu. **ETD-specific questions** should be referred to Allison McComb at mccomba@fiu.edu.

Technical questions related to ETD submission or the DigitalCommons website should be directed to Jamie Rogers with the FIU Library at rogersj@fiu.edu.