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**GRADUATE PACKET FOR THESIS**

**IN THE PACKET ATTACHED, YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Graduate Student Checklist for Thesis Preparation.
2. **Copies of FORMS "M1" through "M5". Forms are available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>.** All information **MUST** be typed. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK US.
3. **BE SURE TO CHECK ALL DEADLINES.** You can always get the latest deadlines by visiting the University Graduate School website at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>.
4. "SAMPLE THESIS DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT" to be used when announcing oral defense of thesis, attach to FORM "M4". 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 or for distribution to committee members, etc.
6. Information on Human Subjects or Animal Research.

**NOTES:**

- i) The **REGULATIONS FOR THESIS AND DISSERTATION PREPARATION MANUAL** is available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>. It is the candidate's responsibility to follow the requirements in effect when the manuscript is filed. **Do not use theses previously filed for format and examples.**
- ii) In addition to these forms, **YOU MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (GRADUATION DEPARTMENT, PC 130).** See deadline in the Academic Calendar.

**INSTRUCTIONS ON FILING FORMS:**

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| <b>Form M1</b>   | To be completed at the time your committee is formed but no later than 2 semesters before the anticipated graduation semester.  |
| <b>Form M2</b>   | Attach a copy of proposal not to exceed five pages and submit at least 1 semester before the anticipated graduation semester.   |
| <b>Form M3,<br/>Announcement,<br/>and copy of thesis</b> | <b>MUST be submitted to the University Graduate School 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF DEFENSE</b> or by the deadline whichever date is the earlier. Attach a copy of the thesis with FORM "M3" and email announcement to <a href="mailto:ugs@fiu.edu">ugs@fiu.edu</a> . |
| <b>Form M4</b>   | To be filed in the University Graduate School no later than two weeks after the defense.  |
| <b>Form M5</b>   | To be filed in the University Graduate School after final copy of thesis is approved. <b>MASTER'S STUDENTS MUST BRING ONE (1) COPY OF THE THESIS in a sturdy box.</b><br>Tape a copy of the title page to the cover of the box.                                     |

**THESIS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS  
BROUGHT IN A STURDY BOX WITH A COVER.**

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**Graduate Student Checklist for Thesis Preparation**

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**Thesis Checklist**

- Obtain the *Regulations for Thesis and Dissertation Preparation Manual* and the graduate packet at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>

**Form M1 - Appointment of Thesis Committee**

- Text and names where signatures are to be affixed should be neatly typed.
- Sign form.
- Obtain signatures of Major Professor, Committee Members, Graduate Program Director/ Department Chairperson, and Academic Dean.

▶ SUBMIT FORM M1

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

- Text and names where signatures are to be affixed should be neatly typed.
- Obtain signatures of Major Professor, Committee Members, Graduate Program Director, and Academic Dean.
- Attach proposal (not to exceed five pages) that clearly outlines background information related to the research topic, purpose of the research, methods, and statistics and analysis to be used.
- If thesis involves human subjects or animal research, attach the IRB or IACUC memorandum of approval.

▶ SUBMIT FORM M2

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

- Text and names where signatures are to be affixed should be neatly typed.
- Obtain signatures of Major Professor, Committee Members, Graduate Program Director, and Academic Dean.
- Attach of copy of the thesis.
- Attach copy of defense announcement prepared in accordance with Regulations Manual format (including date, time and venue). The announcement should clearly state the purpose of the research, methods, findings, and conclusion.
- Email announcement to [ugs@fiu.edu](mailto:ugs@fiu.edu).

▶ SUBMIT FORM M3

**Form M4 - Thesis Defense Report**

- Text and names where signatures are to be affixed should be neatly typed.
- Obtain signatures of Major Professor, Committee Members, and Academic Dean.
- Revisions noted in space provided (if any).

▶ SUBMIT FORM M4

**Form M5 – Final Approval of Thesis**

- Text and names where signatures are to be affixed should be neatly typed.
- Submit final copies of thesis to Major Professor, Committee Members, and Academic Dean for approval and obtain their signatures.
- Submit one copy of final manuscript (loose leaves) in sturdy box with a cover.

▶ SUBMIT FORM M5

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL BULLETIN  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Master's Thesis Defense

**Abstract**

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

by

**Carolyn F. Beaubrun**

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:** University Park, HLS 335

**Department:** Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Major Professor:** Dr. Lemmietta McNeilly



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### **IRB/IACUC APPROVAL**

FIU Institutional Review Board (IRB) must approve all research projects involving human subjects and the FIU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must approve all projects involving animal research conducted by anyone affiliated with the University, including graduate students, before such research begins.

In an effort to assure compliance with these policies, we are requesting that all graduate students whose thesis or dissertation involves human subjects or animal research attach a copy of the IRB or IACUC memorandum of approval when submitting Form M2 (Master's Thesis Proposal) or Form D3 (Doctoral Dissertation Proposal) to this office. As usual the student should also include his or her proposal with the form.

Any questions regarding IRB/IACUC procedures should be directed to your college IRB/IACUC representative or to Christopher Grayson at (305) 348-2494/ E-mail: [irbiacuc@fiu.edu](mailto:irbiacuc@fiu.edu). Application and other materials can be obtained from <http://www.fiu.edu/~dsrt/human/index.htm>. Information regarding IACUC approval can be obtained from <http://www.fiu.edu/~dsrt/animal/index.htm>



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## ENROLLMENT IN THESIS OR DISSERTATION CREDIT HOURS

A student working on a thesis or dissertation needs to be continuously enrolled (including the summer term) until he or she submits the manuscript to our office for approval. Master's students need to be enrolled for at least 1 thesis credit hour and doctoral students need to be enrolled for at least 3 dissertation credit hours.

Doctoral students must register for dissertation credit hours after advancing to doctoral candidacy by filing D2 (Program for Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy) in our office. Master's students are required to be enrolled in thesis credit hours in the term in which they submit M2 (Master's Thesis Proposal) to the University Graduate School and in subsequent terms.

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

<http://www.fiu.edu/~ugs/gpm/>

Thesis/Dissertation Enrollment Regulation

<http://www.fiu.edu/~ugs/gpm/gradsec7.htm>



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## INFORMATION ON BINDING YOUR THESIS/DISSERTATION

Two copies of the thesis or dissertation that you submit to the University Graduate School will be professionally bound and placed at the University Library. One copy is placed on the library stacks and the other is kept in the archives. Note that the Library covers the cost of binding for these two copies.

Some departments require their students to provide additional bound copies. Please check with your department to see if there are such requirements. In addition, most students also want to bind a number of copies for personal use.

In the past, the University Graduate School has assisted students with the processing of departmental and personal copies of their thesis; however, space limitations and logistics prevent us from continuing to do this.

For your convenience we are listing two companies that have agreed to provide special pricing for binding personal copies. These two companies have provided samples of the finished products. These samples are kept in the University Graduate School office and are available for your inspection.

There might be other companies in the area who are willing to provide this service so feel free to shop around. Also, soft binding is available through the copy center on campus.

**Note:** Neither FIU nor the University Graduate School are responsible for the work of either binding company.

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