

College of Commissioner Science



DCS 501

Selecting and Limiting the Scope of Your Doctoral Project or Thesis

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Learning Objectives



- Understand the requirements for the Doctorate Degree and the Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot
- Understand the difference between a project and a thesis
- Identify a project or thesis topic and limit the focus to make it achievable

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Doctorate Degree Requirements



- Prerequisites
- Course requirements
- Project or thesis
- Service as a commissioner



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Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award



Prerequisites
Tenure
Recruiting

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Project or Thesis?



Project: Event – Activity

Thesis: Theory – Research – Conclusion

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Topic Selection



**Identify an aspect of unit service
you wish to impact**

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Limiting the Scope

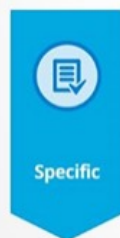


Factors to consider



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Specific



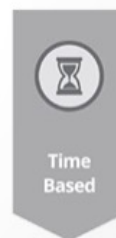
Measurable



Attainable



Relevant



Time
Based



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A slide with a green header and footer. In the top right corner of the green header is a circular logo with a red border, containing a yellow eagle and the text 'COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE DOCTORATE'. The main content area is white and features the title 'Final Thoughts' in bold black letters. Below the title is a bulleted list of five items: 'Specific objectives, timelines, goals', 'Written plan', 'Plan submitted', 'After-action report', and 'Improved unit service'. At the bottom of the slide is the text 'Meet with your project/thesis advisor early and often!' in bold black letters.

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**Questions?
Comments!**

