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This alternative to the standard single large dissertation manuscript project is one of a portfolio of manuscripts (at least 3) that are to be submitted for publication (do not have to be published at time of defense but some may be). At least two of the manuscripts must be empirical pieces, and ALL must have student as first author although there may be co-authors. The papers must form a cohesive program of research, with clear bridges and links between each manuscript, as well as a short introduction chapter that introduces the program of research, an overarching first chapter literature review and a summative conclusion chapter commenting on contributions, implications, limitations and future directions of the whole program. This manuscript based dissertation is an existing option at McGill. The suggested changes to standard program procedure for this "alternative" is centered more around how the dissertation committee will function and proposal defense expectations.

First, the student and supervisor must agree on this option (it is NOT for everyone). Second the dissertation committee needs to be informed about their role in this alternative model. Specifically, in

