

THESIS PROTOCOLS

Incoming students wishing to write a thesis are required to include a short statement for a thesis “idea” with their application. The process then involves a number of steps, all on a tight schedule, with the proposal due in December of the fall term, year I.

YEAR ONE

TERM 1:

Students wishing to do a thesis explore their options for topics and supervisors.

Once a relationship with a supervisor is established, the student drafts a proposal of approximately 1,000 words as well as a draft bibliography.

Once the supervisor is satisfied with the proposal, he or she submits it to the Humanities MA Council for approval, indicating to Council that he or she has carefully reviewed the proposal and believes it to be viable. Note: it may take more than one draft before the supervisor agrees that the proposal is sufficiently polished to recommend it to the MA Council.

MA Council considers the proposal for approval and responds to the supervisor with a decision as to whether the proposal is approved, rejected outright, or to be revised.

Term II:

By the end of this term the full, three-faculty-member thesis committee will have been formed.

Should the thesis project be seen not to be viable in the course of this term, it may be possible for the student to produce a substantial essay that would earn her or him credit as *Directed Readings*.

YEAR TWO

The student should have a fairly solid first draft completed by the end of the fall term / early in the Winter term so that any revisions or additions required by the thesis committee can be completed, and a successful defense made, in time for the student to graduate in the Spring.