



**GRADUATE  
HISTORY**  
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

## **M.A. HISTORY THESIS PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

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Each student must complete and submit a thesis proposal -- and receive approval from both Thesis Advisor / Director and the Graduate Program Director -- prior to beginning work on a research project.

The items that should be included in the Thesis Proposal are listed in the outline below. The student will begin the research project only after the proposal has been completed and signed by the student, the thesis director, the thesis readers, and the Program Director.

**Note:** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY SIGNATURES FOR PROJECT APPROVAL BEFORE BEGINNING WORK ON THE PROJECT.

### THESIS PROPOSAL OUTLINE

- I. **Working Title/Topic**
- II. **Proposed Semester to begin Thesis** (*ie. FALL 2019*)
- III. **Thesis Committee** (*Print the names of the one director and two readers that you most prefer. This should be drafted in consultation with the Thesis Director & Program Director*)
  - a. Director
  - b. Reader 1
  - c. Reader 2
- IV. **Thesis Statement and argument** (*In 1-2 sentences, state your argument about your topic and then describe how you will prove your argument.*)
- V. **Background** (*Provide a brief review of the area being researched including relevant history on the issue in 1-2 paragraphs.*)
- VI. **Approach to Topic/Research** (*This section should include a comprehensive explanation of the proposed research.*)
- VII. **Timeline** (*Define your plan of action you will take to complete your thesis from start to finish, including time stamps for certain milestones such as when you intend to finish your research, submit your first draft for revisions, and submit your final thesis.*)
- VIII. **Sources** (*Include a preliminary list of sources that you will use to start your research.*)
- IX. **Conclusion** (*Your conclusion should emphasize the importance and purpose of your research and what goals you intend to accomplish through completing the thesis.*)



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## THESIS PROPOSAL APPROVAL FORM

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All signatures are required for project approval and registration in HIS 780 - Thesis Research.

Student Name (Print)	Student Signature	Date
Thesis Director (Print)	Thesis Director (Signature)	Date
Thesis Reader 1 (Print)	Thesis Reader 1 (Signature)	Date
Thesis Reader 2 (Print)	Thesis Reader 2 (Signature)	Date
Program Director (Print)	Program Director (Signature)	Date