



College of  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

**GUIDELINES FOR MASTER'S ESSAY**

The essay is a scholarly paper written in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master's degree under the Plan "B" option. As such it should be well organized and carefully developed. Students planning to write an essay should consult with their advisor. An advisor's approval of both topic and a preliminary outline of the essay should be obtained before proceeding further.

**FORMAT**

There is no prescribed format for the text of the Master's Essay. A list of departmental style preferences is on the last page of these guidelines. ***The format for the Title Page is given on Page 2.***

**SUBMISSION OF ESSAYS AND DEADLINES**

The title page of the essay, signed by the advisor, should be submitted to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Office, 2155 Old Main, **no later** than the deadline date established for the semester in which the student expects to graduate. The deadlines will be posted on the CLAS website prior to each semester. The title page can be delivered as hardcopy, preferred submission is as a pdf to [CLASGrad@wayne.edu](mailto:CLASGrad@wayne.edu) .

**REGISTRATION FOR ESSAY DIRECTION**

Three hours of Master's Essay Direction (7999) are required for the degree. They may be taken in one semester or spread over 2 or three semesters. Students should try to organize their time so that their essay is complete by the time they have completed their third credit of Essay direction.

**QUESTIONS RELATING TO THESE GUIDELINES OR TO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS GENERALLY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATE OFFICE, 2155 OLD MAIN, 577-2516, [CLASGrad@wayne.edu](mailto:CLASGrad@wayne.edu).**



**DEPARTMENTAL STYLE PREFERENCES  
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Audiology&Speech-Language Pathology	American Psychological Association Journal
Classics, Greek & Latin	Modern Language Association Handbook
Economics	Journal of Macroeconomics
English/Comparative Literature	Modern Language Association Handbook
German	Modern Language Association Handbook
History	Turabian (new edition)
Human Development	APA
Linguistics	Linguistics Society of America Style Sheet
Mathematics	American Mathematical Society Journal
Nutrition & Food Science	Journal of Nutrition, Journal of Food Science
Philosophy	Turabian (new edition)
Physics	American Institute of Physics Style Manual
Political Science	Turabian (new edition) with modification (consult advisor)
Romance Languages & Literature	Modern Language Association Handbook
Sociology	American Sociological Association Journal