Senior Thesis in Comparative Literature and Society  
Senior Thesis in Medical Humanities

TIMELINE

| Spring Semester of Junior Year | Decide whether you want to write a thesis. Consult with the professor(s) with whom you would like to work. Come up with a topic, that can take the form of a working title, and which can be something you have encountered or worked on in one of your classes. 
Contact the DUS to tell them about your project. Be prepared to present an idea of how your Senior Thesis would relate to your ICLS focus and the classes you have taken. Tell the DUS about your proposed Thesis Supervisor(s) and make contact with them. |
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| Senior Fall Semester | Early Fall: Finalize your choice of Supervisor. Contact your DUS for advice or help on the matter. 
Things to work on during the semester (inside and outside the Senior Seminar): 
- Research: read and compile notes widely and specifically about your topic, with the purpose of compiling a preliminary, annotated bibliography: a narrow list of primary and secondary sources that should be broad and demonstrate what has been published in your subject area or research theme in the last five to six years 
- An outline: a paragraph in which you explain the thesis you are going to argue and defend, as well as a detailed breakdown of the chapters 
- Start writing: Chapters, sections, paragraphs: anything is a good start. You do not have to start from the beginning, just from what you have, and the rest will follow 
Be prepared to discuss all those materials with your Supervisor prior to the October workshop |
| Late October, Fall Workshop #1: Subjects to be addressed: 
- How to construct a thesis 
- How to build a writing routing 
- How to integrate your focus and the two foreign languages, not only in primary sources but also beyond 
- Library services 
- Writing services |
| Winter break | Take this time to work on the introduction and the main chapters of your thesis  
Be in contact with your Supervisor  
Be in contact with your peers, and meet with them for mutual advice and workshop |
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| Senior spring semester | Things to work on before the first workshop  
- Hone the thesis of your thesis.  
- Consider the relevance and timeliness of your thesis in relation to the field of studies in which you locate yourself. Be clear about the theoretical approach you are undertaking  
- Outline the arguments you are presenting to demonstrate your thesis, and in what order  
- Be ready to share what you have at the date of the workshop  
Be in frequent contact with your Supervisor and peers. |
| | Spring workshop #1  
Subjects to be addressed:  
- How to conceptualize a thesis  
- How to make and sustain an argument |
| | Things to work on before the second workshop:  
- Finish a draft of your thesis, paying particular attention to the general argument and the conclusion |
| | Spring workshop #2  
Subjects to be addressed:  
- Share and discuss portions of draft thesis  
- How to write an introduction |
| **Senior Thesis Due Date / APRIL 15th** | One final copy should be given to your Supervisor and one copy to the DUS |
| **Senior Thesis Oral Presentation - Celebration** | You will have the opportunity to give a short presentation on your thesis to your peers, Supervisor and ICLS faculty |