



# Social Psychology & Law Research Group

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## *MA Thesis Proposal Writing Guide*

First, bookmark this site: <http://www.grad.uni.edu/thesis/index.html> it details out the requirements for the graduate college

- 1) Type up your current reference section. All information in APA style
- 2) Type up your abstract in thesis format
- 3) Make a title and your title page
- 4) Make your acknowledgements page
- 5) Make an outline of the research areas you are going to cover in your introduction. Each research area will be a section, with its own heading
- 6) Write your methods section
- 7) Write your proposed analysis section
- 8) Type up your appendices in thesis format (all your measures, stimuli, etc)
- 9) Go back now (since you've done all the busy work you can muster up!) and start filling in paragraphs in your outline. each section will have a heading. start with a paragraph each
- 10) Make sure to include at the end of your intro (and outline of your intro) your hypotheses/research questions

### Tips:

Make sure you do all of the above in one word document. These sections will ultimately all be together anyway, and pagination, etc can be a nightmare if they are all in separate documents

Save a backup copy on disk. As you get a bigger draft, save a copy on disk and email yourself a copy to your email address. Better safe than sorry!

All the while, read your references and search in PsychInfo for additional references that should be included. Update reference section as necessary