

The thesis must be at least 35 pages long. The total page count includes the preface or introduction, the main body of the thesis, references and/or a bibliography, and appendices (when applicable). The following items (all of which are optional and not required) *do not* count toward the total page number: Title page; Table of contents; List of charts, graphs, and illustrations. The thesis must be written in English unless the student has received permission to write in another language.

The thesis usually a piece of scholarly research but a translation/creative piece can be submitted with the prior approval of the DUS. These must accompanied by an explanatory introduction.

As stated above, the thesis must include footnotes and a bibliography. The citational and bibliographical style will be decided in consultation with the thesis advisor.

Electronic copies should be emailed to the DUS and ICLS office by **April 15, 2021** so that it can be considered for departmental honors.

### TIMELINE

Junior Spring Semester	<p>Decide whether you want to write a thesis. Consult with the professor(s) with whom you would like to work. Come up with a subject, that can take the form of a working title.</p> <p>Contact the DUS to tell her/him 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 advisor(s).</p>	
Senior Fall Semester	<p>Things to work on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A paragraph in which you explain the thesis you are going to argue and defend.</li> <li>-A narrow list of primary sources.</li> <li>-Annotated bibliography: this should be broad and demonstrate the current trends in your subject / research theme over the last five to six years.</li> <li>-Begin an outline</li> </ul> <p>Be prepared to discuss all those materials with your advisor prior to the November workshop.</p>	<p>Late November Workshop Subjects to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What is a thesis and what is not.</li> <li>-What is <i>comparative</i>.</li> <li>-How to integrate your focus and the two foreign languages, not only in primary sources, but also beyond.</li> </ul>
Winter break	<p>Take this time to work on the introduction and outline the main chapters of your thesis.</p> <p>Be in contact with your advisor.</p> <p>Be in contact with your peers, and meet with them for mutual advice and workshop.</p>	

Senior spring semester	<p>Things to work on before the first workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hone the thesis of your thesis.</li> <li>-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</li> <li>-Outline the arguments you are presenting to demonstrate your thesis, and in what order.</li> </ul> <p>Be in frequent contact with your advisor and peers.</p>	<p>Spring workshop #1</p> <p>Subjects to be addressed: -The argument and chapter one - Strategies to create transitions. - Strategies to create arguments that serve the thesis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Library services</li> <li>- Writing services</li> </ul>
	<p>Things to work on before second workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Finish a draft of your thesis, paying particular attention to the general argument and the conclusion</li> </ul>	<p>Spring workshop #2</p> <p>Subjects to be addressed: - Subsequent chapters and conclusion</p>
Senior Thesis Due Date	One final copy should be given to your advisor and one copy to the DUS	
Senior Thesis Oral Presentation-Celebration	You will have the opportunity to give a short (most likely Zoom) presentation on your thesis to your peers, advisors and ICLS faculty	