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Master's Thesis Procedures

Master's students must follow these guidelines to prepare the thesis. Questions about thesis procedures should be addressed to sjcgr@stjohns.edu. All forms pertaining to the thesis are found on the School Forms page and must be submitted to the Dean's office in SJH 145 or sjcgr@stjohns.edu.

Enrollment

Master's students who have completed all degree requirements (including language proficiency) except the thesis must register for the appropriate number of master's research courses required by the student's department, as stated in the Graduate Bulletin, and maintain continuous enrollment up to the conferral of degree.

Style and Format of Thesis

Students preparing their thesis must follow the style standards approved for their disciplines (below).

- Biological Sciences: *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual Edition for Authors, Editors and Publishers*
- Chemistry: consult department Chair
- English: *Modern Language Association Handbook*
- History: *A Manual for Writers*– Kate Turabian
- Psychology: *Style Manual of American Psychological Association*
- Sociology: *American Sociological Review*

All other departments use Turabian. Prior Dean's approval is required for any style different from the above.

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Thesis Forms

1. **Approval for Master's Thesis Research:** The student will arrange for a mentor and at least one reader for the thesis. Under the mentor's guidance, the student will prepare a thesis proposal in accordance with departmental directions. The proposal must include: Objectives; Methodology; and References. The student will submit the proposal, along with the signed approval form, to the Dean's office.
2. **Reader's Copy Receipt:** With the mentor's approval, the student will submit a copy of the completed thesis to the reader(s) and obtain their signature on the receipt, which the student will then submit to the Dean's office.

3. **Professor's Report to the Dean on Reader's Copy:** Each reader must report his/her evaluation of the thesis to the Dean.
4. **Master's Thesis Ballot:** The mentor will report the outcome of the thesis defense to the Dean's office.
5. **Submission of Final Thesis Copy:** The mentor will distribute this form to members of the thesis committee to certify that the student has made recommended revisions.

Thesis: Final Copies

After passing the thesis defense, the student will submit a final copy of the thesis to the Dean's office for review. Once the Associate Dean approves the thesis, the student will then submit two original final copies of the thesis to the Dean's office. The originals should be typed one-sided on high quality 20 lb. acid-free, non-erasable bond paper with a minimum of 25 percent rag or cotton content. The paper must have a good opacity (print on one page should not easily show through the page in front of it) and should be watermarked. The margins for all copies must be one and one-half inches on the left side of each page and one inch on each of the other three sides. Note that these margins must also be left on pages containing graphs, illustrations, appendices, etc. Print on all copies must be dark and even.

If the student wants additional copies of thesis bound for personal use, he or she will supply the desired number of copies, along with a check (\$25 per copy) payable to St. John's University. Additional copies will be accepted for binding only at the time the student submits the copies required by the University.

Order and Content

1. Preliminaries
 - a. Title Page: Both the original and the copies must bear the original signatures of the mentor and the candidate (see sample). This page is not numbered.
 - b. Abstract: An abstract of the thesis of not more than 350 words, typed and double-spaced, must also include the title of thesis (in all capitals) and the name of the candidate. This page is not numbered.
 - c. Preface/Acknowledgments (start lower-case Roman numbering ii, iii, iv, v, etc.)
 - d. Table of Contents
 - e. List of Tables
 - f. List of Figures or List of Illustrations
2. Text
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Main Body
3. References
4. Appendices
5. Vita: This page is not numbered (see sample).

Numbering the Pages

With the exception of the Title Page, Abstract, Copyright, and Vita, each page in the thesis should be numbered. For the remaining preliminaries, use lower-case Roman numerals (E.g.: ii, iii, iv, v, etc.). Follow style manual for location of page numbers

For the remainder of the thesis, including the text, illustrations, appendices, and references, use Arabic numerals (E.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.). Each page must be numbered. Try to avoid the use of letter suffixes such as 10, 10b, etc.

1.5" margin on left of every page

3" from top of page to start of text

The title page is considered page I but should not include a page number

1" margins on top, right, and bottom of every page

TITLE OF DISSERTATION OR THESIS

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A dissertation/thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of

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NAME OF DEGREE

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to the faculty of the

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of

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NAME OF COLLEGE OR SCHOOL

at

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

New York

by

Student's Name

Date Submitted _____

Date Approved _____

Student's Name

Mentor's Name

Line Spacing: 1.5 lines

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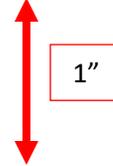
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All remaining pages
except the Vita are
double spaced.

ABSTRACT

TITLE OF THE DISSERTATION OR THESIS

Student Name



Present a maximum 350-word summary of the study including (a) the main purpose or problem under investigation, (b) the specific characteristics of the participants (e.g., age/grade, sex, primary language), (c) the essential features of the research methodology (e.g., instruments, procedures, techniques for analyses), and (d) the significance and/or potential implications.

Must be double spaced

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

Delete this note and the word optional in the heading; insert any acknowledgements here. Otherwise, delete this page. A dedication, if included, is considered page ii but does not have a page number. If you include a dedication, insert it on the page before this one and change the page numbers so that this is page iii. The dedication and/or the acknowledgements should be double spaced.

OPTIONAL

Preliminary
pages use
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Roman
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TABLE OF CONTENTS

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The table of contents should contain each heading and subheading within the main body of the thesis or dissertation, appendices (if included), and references.

If you include both dedication and acknowledgments pages, the table of contents should be page iv. If you do not include both dedication and acknowledgements pages, this should be page ii.

LIST OF TABLES (OPTIONAL)

Delete this note and the word optional in the heading; insert a list of tables on this page. Otherwise, delete this page.

OPTIONAL

LIST OF FIGURES (OPTIONAL)

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INTRODUCTION

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REFERENCES

Delete this note and insert the references used in your thesis or dissertation here.

If you include appendices, insert them before this page.

Vita

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Name

Student Name

Baccalaureate Degree

*Bachelor of Arts/Science, Name
of University, City, Major: XXX*

Date Graduated

Month, Year

Other Degrees and Certificates

*Professional Certificate in
Subject (Year)*

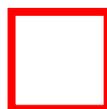
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Month, Year

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Library Formatting Checklist

Margins

- Left side margin should be at least 1.5 inches; all other margins should be at least 1 inch
- All charts, tables, photos, graphs, etc. must fit within these margins

Title Page

- Title in all uppercase letters
- Degree name correct and in all caps
- Department or division name correct and in all caps
- School or college name correct and in all caps
- Does not display a page number but *is* counted

Copyright Page

- Has the student's name and the appropriate graduating year
- Must be centered and in the middle of the page
- Does not display a page number and is NOT counted

Abstract

- Title matches title page and is in all caps
- Student's name is aligned with the right margin
- Double spaced
- No more than 350 words long
- Does not display a page number and is NOT counted

Dedication (optional)

- Heading centered and all caps
- If present, does not display a page number but *is* counted

Acknowledgements (optional)

- Heading centered and all caps
- If present, numbered with lower case Roman numeral(s)

Preface (optional)

- Heading centered and all caps
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Table of Contents

- Heading centered and all caps
- Numbered with lower case Roman numeral(s)
- Has the following entries in the following order:
 - Acknowledgements, if used, with a lower case Roman numeral
 - Table of Contents with a lower case Roman numeral
 - List of Tables and/or List of Figures, if used, with lower case Roman numeral(s)
 - Introduction, numbered as page 1
 - Other chapters and headings within the dissertation with Arabic numerals
 - Appendices with Arabic numerals
 - References with an Arabic numeral
- Table of Contents does NOT have the following entries:
 - Title page
 - Copyright page
 - Abstract
 - Dedication

List of Tables/List of Figures (if present, must include a list)

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Main Body

- Numbered with Arabic numerals

Appendices

- Numbered with Arabic numerals (continued from previous section)

References

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Vita

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- Each degree and certificate should contain the name of the degree, the name of the college or university, the city of the college or university, the major, and the month and year of graduation



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Approval Form for Master's Thesis Research

Form 1M

Name and X Number: _____ Date: _____

Department: _____

Topic: _____
(Please attach approved research outline.)

Thesis Committee:

The mentor will distribute this form to all committee members for their signatures.

_____	_____	_____
Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Name	Signature	Date

Topic and Committee Approval:

_____	_____	_____
Mentor Name	Mentor Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Chair Name	Chair Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Associate Dean Name	Associate Dean Signature	Date

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Master's Thesis Reader's Copy Receipt

Form 2M

Candidate Name: _____ X Number: _____

Department: _____

A copy of this form must be distributed to each member of the Thesis Committee for a signature confirming receipt of the reader's dissertation copy.

Signature of Thesis Committee Member

Date

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Professor's Report to the Dean on Reader's Copy

Form 3M

Please note: This form is confidential and should be transmitted to the Dean by each reader. It should not be given to the student.

Name of Reader: _____ Department: _____

Candidate (Name and X Number): _____

Title of Dissertation:

Please check appropriate line:

- I have read and approved this reader's copy.
- I have read but do not approve this reader's copy.

Comments:

Signature of Reader

Date



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Master's Thesis Ballot

Form 4M

Candidate Name: _____ X Number: _____

Department: _____

Title of Thesis:

The examiner shall indicate whether candidate has passed or failed the final review:

- Passed
- Failed

Comments or recommendations for revisions or written text of thesis:

Signature of Examiner

Date

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Submission of Final Thesis Copy

Form 5M

Candidate's X Number: _____ Date: _____

This is to certify that _____, a candidate for the degree of Master of Science/Arts in the Department of _____, has revised his/her thesis in accordance with the recommendations of the Thesis Committee and **in accordance with University policy for formatting of master's theses.**

The mentor will distribute this form to members of the Thesis Committee to sign below certifying that the recommended revisions have been made by the candidate.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Approval of final thesis copy:

Mentor's Signature

Date

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Request to Change Mentor/Thesis Committee Member

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

X Number: _____ Department: _____

Topic or Title: _____

Former Mentor

New Mentor

Print Name

Print Name

Signature

Signature

Former Thesis Committee Member

New Thesis Committee Member

Print Name

Print Name

Signature

Signature

Rationale for Change

Approval Signatures

Chair Name

Chair Signature

Date

Associate Dean Name

Associate Dean Signature

Date