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MEDIA STUDIES GRADUATE PROGRAM

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR

GRADUATE THESES AND PROJECTS

2011-2012

THESIS/PROJECT CALENDAR, AY 2011-2012

FALL 2011

September 16 Last day to apply for December 2011 Graduation Thesis/Project **Proposal** deadline for students wishing to register November 4 for Thesis/Project I in spring 2012 (All signatures are necessary for final proposal to be approved) November 11 Last day to submit completed **project/thesis** to Media Studies Coordinator (must be approved by Project/Thesis Director) November 14-18 Thesis/Project **Proposal** Conferences scheduled November 18 Coordinator will notify all December graduation applicants of Project/Thesis defense date Thesis Project Fee (\$120) due at cashier's office November 18 Nov. 28-Dec. 2 Thesis/Project **Defenses** scheduled December 9 Deadline for final project/thesis (w/changes and corrections) to be filed in department office to be checked and approved December 18 Fall 2011 Commencement **SPRING 2012** Feb. 10 Last day to apply for May 2012 Graduation April 2 Thesis/Project **Proposal** deadline for students wishing to register for Thesis/Project I in summer or fall 2012 (All signatures are necessary for final proposal to be approved) April 11 Last day to submit graduate **project/thesis** to Media Studies Coordinator Thesis/Project **Proposal** Conferences scheduled April 18-27 April 18 MS Coordinator will notify all December graduation applicants of Project/Thesis defense date April 20 Thesis Project Fee (\$120) due at cashier's office April 23-27 Thesis/Project Defenses scheduled May 4 Deadline for final project/thesis (w/changes and corrections) to be filed in department office to be checked and approved May 13 Spring 2012 Commencement

THE THESIS/PROJECT

BASIC INFORMATION:

All graduate students must prepare a thesis or a professional project, which must demonstrate evidence of originality, appropriate organization, clarity of purpose, critical analysis, and accuracy and completeness of documentation in some area of media studies. The thesis or graduate project is a multiple semester endeavor that often adds as much as a year to a student's program of study. Interested students are encouraged to begin exploring ideas and working toward the thesis or project goal early in their program of study. Examples of previous students' projects/theses will be made available in the Department's thesis/project library.

Students are expected to demonstrate the ability to conduct research or produce a significant, original project in a discriminating and disciplined manner. The thesis topic should be one that will further the student's knowledge and ability in the specialty by demonstrating skill as a researcher or media professional. The outcome should be an effort that serves as a foundation for the pursuit of independent work when the graduate program is completed. Students who pursue the creative project option must execute a project, the scope of which is defined by the student in collaboration with a committee of three faculty members, and prepare a written document to accompany the project. The project may take the form of a production created for the broadcast or electronic media, a script for such a production, or another type of product that employs the broadcast or electronic (digital) media. Note: Projects must be accompanied by extensive written work that describes and supports the work (this is explained in detail later in this document).

All thesis/project students must have completed at least 18 credit hours and have an approved thesis/project proposal before registering for MS 698/699 (Thesis/Project). The research, writing, and evaluation process for this approved proposal may take a full semester or more. Students will conduct the research and write the proposal independently, working with the advice and guidance of their academic advisor or proposed thesis/project advisor. Typically the proposal is written outside of a class, as a not-for credit project. (Beginning in the fall 2010 semester, all new students will be required to take MS 502 – Graduate Research and Writing. Students will have the opportunity to write sample proposals in the course.) Thesis/Project proposals are presented to and evaluated by the Department thesis/project Proposal committee in a meeting with the student convened for that purpose.

NOTE: STUDENTS WHO WISH TO <u>REGISTER</u> FOR THESIS/PROJECT I IN THE SPRING 2011 SEMESTER MUST HAVE THEIR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 5.

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO <u>REGISTER</u> FOR THESIS/PROJECT I IN THE FALL 2011 SEMESTER OR SUMMER 2010 TERM MUST HAVE THEIR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY APRIL 1.

NEXT STEPS (<u>AFTER YOUR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN APPROVED AND YOU HAVE</u> REGISTERED FOR THESIS/PROJECT I):

Students must maintain good progress (defined by the thesis/project advisor in consultation with the student) on the thesis/project during each semester they are enrolled in MS 698 (Thesis/Project I) or 699 (Thesis/Project II) and this will be reflected in a grade of IP (In Progress, Passing) on the student's semester grade report. Students who receive a grade of U, unsatisfactory, may not continue on their current thesis/project. Normally in such cases students should switch to a different option (thesis or project) and begin the proposal process again. Under special circumstances, with the support of a faculty advisor, students may appeal this rule and may be allowed to continue in their original track.

Please read carefully: All graduate students are expected to be enrolled in consecutive regular semesters (i.e., fall and spring semesters) until the degree program is completed and the degree is awarded. Students who have completed Thesis/Project II for 3 credits must continuously register for Thesis/Project II for 1 credit until the degree is awarded. The graduate student who is not enrolled will not be permitted to use WVSU facilities or equipment. Students who wish to use WVSU facilities or equipment during the summer, must be registered for Thesis/Project I or II during the summer term. Students must be registered during the semester they wish to graduate. Students who cannot enroll in a given semester must apply for a leave of absence in order to remain in good standing. A student who does not return to enrolled status at the end of an approved period of leave is no longer considered to be pursuing the degree.

A student who leaves the university without obtaining a formal leave of absence from graduate study is not automatically readmitted. The recommendation of the program and the approval of the college dean, based on the academic merits of the student's request, are required. If

readmitted, the student will be subject to all of the current requirements for the degree in effect at the time of readmission.

Students enrolled in the thesis/project courses are expected to meet regularly with their thesis project director during the course of the semester. At a minimum, there should be a mid-semester review of the work completed and an "end of the semester" review as well. Students are encouraged to involve all members of their committee at all stages of the process and to regularly send them completed drafts of chapters or scripts, DVDs of edited or unedited video and or other materials that demonstrate progress towards completion.

The student's thesis/project committee must approve all finished theses and projects before being deposited with the Media Studies Graduate Coordinator. It is also recommended that students submit a completed draft to the Graduate Coordinator so that it can be reviewed for format errors. When the committee approves the work, each faculty member will indicate so by signing the cover page of a new, clean copy or the approval page (thesis) or an approval form to be included with the project.

This signed copy of the thesis or the project along with its approval sheet should be deposited in the Media Studies Graduate Coordinator's office. <u>Finished, signed, approved theses and projects are due in the Media Studies Graduate Coordinator's office by the 12th week of the <u>semester</u> (specific deadlines will be announced each semester). <u>Graduate students must also provide the office with an electronic version of their written thesis on CD-ROM, in MS-Word and PDF formats).</u></u>

Thesis and project presentations will be scheduled in the final weeks of each semester; **students are required to present and defend their work.** Relevant procedures and a set of deadlines will be announced each semester. A final copy of the thesis or project with all approval signatures, after any necessary revisions, must be deposited in the Department's library. This should be a publication/presentation ready document or medium, conforming to all of the usual expectations of library-deposited thesis or multi-media documents available in the major style guides. For theses, the title page should have the signatures of advisor, members of the committee, and Media Studies Graduate Coordinator. Projects should include the names of the advisor, committee members, and the Media Studies Graduate Coordinator at the end or beginning of the project (i.e. credits).

COMPLETING YOUR THESIS/PROJECT:

Basic Deadlines:

- 1) Your <u>thesis/project director</u> must notify the Media Studies Graduate Coordinator that your thesis/project is ready for defense prior to your defense being scheduled.
- 2) Your <u>committee</u> must receive a copy of your final thesis/project prior to your defense being scheduled.
- 3) Your defense must be scheduled prior to:

December 2, 2011 for December graduates April 27, 2012 for May graduates

4) Your final project/thesis (with changes and corrections) must be completed and filed in the Department Office by:

December 9, 2011 for December graduates May 4, 2012 for May graduates

Guidelines for Film/Video Projects

Students wishing to produce a film or video for their culminating creative project theses are expected to demonstrate a high degree of technical and aesthetic achievement. Although there is no prescribed length for these major artistic projects, the following should be used as guidelines:

For live-action (narrative or documentary) projects, 15-35 minutes. Note: 15-20 minute films/videos tend to be more acceptable for festivals. Students wishing to produce film/videos LONGER than 35 minutes must get special permission from the Graduate Studies Coordinator.

For animation projects: 5-15 minutes.

ALL Film/Video projects proposals must include the following

- Synopsis or Summary of the project
- Production Concept (Students should be able to defend the project in terms of film history, criticism, theory, and aesthetic choices)
- Literature Review (Students should include an annotated bibliography of the films, videos, and written work that have influenced their choices) For more details, see the "Review of Literature" section of this document.
- Preliminary Script (narrative) or treatment (documentary)
- Proposed Budget
- Proposed Pre-Production, Production, and Post Production Schedule

Final versions of all of the above material should also be included when the project is completed, in addition to the film/video itself. These written materials will constitute the "bound" portion of the student's project. Additional written material that must accompany the final project includes:

- A section on Marketing Concepts (who is the intended audience and demonstrate how the film/video is ready for the market)
- A Narrative that describes the challenges the student has faced as well as what he or she
 has learned.
- A production notebook which includes a detailed account of all aspects of production.
 This could include such elements as research completed, location scouting, notes on the writing process, lists of crew and collaborators, etc.

Students wishing to produce special advertising or marketing commercial, info-mercials, and/or training films/videos that are <u>less than 15 minutes in length</u> are expected to submit other ancillary materials in addition to ALL of the requirements described above. These materials might include:

- A series of 15 second 30 second video PSA's and/or commercials
- Radio PSA's;
- Print Advertising Copy (a specific thematic campaign) with at least 5 examples;
- Poster for the Video
- A sample newspaper insert (4 pages) that promotes the project
- Examples of Press Releases
- Social Networking campaign
- Comprehensive website to include media (video/audio).
- Other materials as recommended by the thesis/project director and committee.

Guidelines for Screenplay Thesis Proposals

Pre-thesis requirements

The thesis screenplay should become at least the second acceptable screenplay the student has written. Prior to submission (2 weeks minimum) of the thesis proposal, the student should present to his/her proposed thesis advisor an acceptable feature-length screenplay written <u>prior</u> to the thesis proposal.

This feature-length narrative screenplay may be the result of successfully completing work in the Graduate Screenwriting course. Or, it may be satisfied by a screenplay written in another course or out of academia. This work must be deemed to be of acceptable quality by the thesis advisor before the student may proceed to the formal thesis proposal.

Include in your proposal:

- A brief synopsis of proposed screenplay. You will expand this section of the proposal with a longer treatment later in the proposal. Include here (briefly):
- Theme (what will the movie say?)
- Plot (general chain of events that provide story infrastructure)
- Characters (Who are the primary characters, what is their problem/need?)
- Mise-en-scene (what is the environment(s) that the story exists in? How will you use location as "character?")
- Images (what will be unique in the "pictures" you create to tell the story?)
- Write the 1-3 sentence "tagline" that best sums up your story and that can be used as the quick-pitch for the project.
- Statement of vision
- Briefly explain "why" you think this script should be written. How will this work contribute to the field of cinema? How is the idea (theme) and/or approach (structure/form) unique, or how does it bring new light to the familiar?
- Express the uniqueness ("voice" and "vision") that you intend to bring to the screenplay.
- Who are you? (In a short essay tell who you are and how the art of screenwriting, and this proposed screenplay in particular, will aid the evolution as you as an artist/professional, and as a human being.)
- Research and Development (In a few paragraphs describe the major influences (writers and works) on your thesis. You will expand this portion of the proposal in the bibliography Section where you will cite specific books, screenplays, individual screenwriters, and films used in the development of this work. Within the context of the work (i.e., personal,

historical, political) explain the types of research that you will conduct to aid in the creation of the screenplay.

- 5-15 page script treatment.
- Supplemental support materials (at discretion of thesis advisor)
- Design the poster. If this screenplay were to make it to the screen, create the poster/box art that would best sell the product. Note: You will not be judged on graphic art skill.
- You may also include additional supportive materials such as storyboards, production design materials, or other production plans.
- And then what? As a screenplay is not a terminal product, but a means to an end, upon completion how to you intend to get it "out there" (i.e., competitions, festivals, submissions to agencies, self production, etc.)?
- Bibliography

REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

<u>All projects and theses</u> require some form of literature review. The format of a review of literature may vary from discipline to discipline and should be addressed in the proposal.

A review may be a self-contained unit -- an end in itself -- or a preface to and rationale for engaging in primary research. A review is, in many cases, a required part of grant and research proposals **and often a chapter in the thesis**.

Generally, the purpose of a review is to analyze critically a segment of a published body of knowledge through summary, classification, and comparison of prior research studies, reviews of literature, and theoretical articles. In Media Studies, a review of the literature could include written work as well as films, videos, screenplays, and web sites.

In the introduction to a Review of the Literature you should:

- Define or identify the general topic, issue, or area of concern, thus providing an appropriate context for reviewing the literature.
- Point out overall trends in what has been published about the topic; or conflicts in theory, methodology, evidence, and conclusions; or gaps in research and scholarship; or a single problem or new perspective of immediate interest.
- Establish the writer's reason (point of view) for reviewing the literature; explain the criteria to be used in analyzing and comparing literature and the organization of the review (sequence); and, when necessary, state why certain literature is or is not included (scope).
- In the body, you should:
- Group research studies and other types of literature (reviews, theoretical articles, case studies, etc.) according to common denominators such as genres, qualitative versus quantitative approaches, conclusions of authors, specific purpose or objective, chronology, etc.
- Summarize individual studies, articles or films with as much or as little detail as each merits according to its comparative importance in the literature, remembering that space (length) denotes significance.
- Provide the reader with strong "umbrella" sentences at beginnings of paragraphs, "signposts" throughout, and brief "so what" summary sentences at intermediate points in the review to aid in understanding comparisons and analyses.

In the conclusion, you should:

- Summarize major contributions of significant studies, articles, films, videos and other media to the body of knowledge under review, maintaining the focus established in the introduction.
- Evaluate the current "state of the art" for the body of knowledge reviewed, pointing out major methodological flaws or gaps in research, inconsistencies in theory and findings, and areas or issues pertinent to future study.
- Conclude by providing some insight into the relationship between the central topic of the literature review and the particular area of study that constitutes your thesis/project and (possibly) the larger area of study that encompasses the discipline, profession, or knowledge base.

Note: Even documentary film projects, comprehensive web designs, animation, and marketing projects require a literature review!

TIMELINES FOR SUBMITTING THESES/PROJECTS

ALL theses/projects are due in the Media Studies office at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement ceremony in which the degree is to be conferred. Prior to submission to the Department office, the thesis/project must have been defended and any and all changes and/or corrections from this defense must have been completed.

The copy of your thesis or project that is presented to the Media Studies office for prechecking must be a copy (printed on regular white paper as opposed to archival paper) that is free from **ALL** errors and is, to your knowledge, a perfect copy. The same is true for the project, which is submitted utilizing the appropriate electronic medium along with written materials. The Media Studies Program is not responsible for proofreading your paper or reviewing your project; however, the entire document will be read for format and grammar and your media project will be checked for format and/or electronic problems. **If errors are found, your paper or project will be returned to you for corrections, which could delay your graduation**. Be sure to follow the margin requirements, pagination, placement of tables and figures, etc., as specified in this Guide. If you do this, it should greatly reduce the number of changes you will need to make.

After your thesis/project has been cleared by the Media Studies office and you have made any necessary corrections, you are now ready to print/produce your final copies.

After copies are made you should get your committee members' signatures. **ALL** signature pages must be printed on the same archival paper as your manuscript and all signatures must be original and must be rendered **ONLY** in **blue ink**. Any other color ink is not acceptable.

After your committee members have signed the signature pages you should submit them to the Media Studies Program Coordinator and the Dean for their signatures. The Dean will also date the signature page in the space that is provided.

After all your signatures are secured, you should prepare a 10 x 13 clasp envelope – one for each copy that you plan to have bound – and place one complete copy of your manuscript or electronic media in each envelope. For theses, you are required to have at least three (3) copies bound (these are for: the Office of Academic Affairs, the Library, and the Department). You may have as many additional copies bound as desired. The student is responsible for the cost of binding of all copies. There is a special Thesis Binding fee that must be paid at the Cashier's Office. The fee is currently \$120.00 for the 2009-10 academic year and is subject to change. This fee covers the three required bound copies. If you'd like personal copies for yourself, the cost is \$30 per copy and you need to add this when you pay the Cashier. After you receive your Cashier's receipt, schedule an appointment with University Library and deposit your thesis/project for binding. Ellen Ressmeyer is currently the person you should schedule this appointment with.

At the time you deposit your thesis/project with Library you should be given a receipt. This receipt must be taken to the Media Studies office to verify delivery and to ensure that you receive graduation clearance.

Submit your thesis/project **earlier** than the due date. This ensures a much quicker turn around.

Electronic versions of theses must be provided to the Media Studies office as well as the paper copy. These are to be submitted on MAM Gold Archive Grade CD-R disks in MS-Word and PDF formats.

You must use MAM Gold Archive Grade DVD-R for projects. These disks may be available at the library for or from on-line disk distributors such as Amazon. They cost approximately \$2 each.

FORMAT AND APPEARANCE

The student is expected to prepare the text of the completed thesis/project in accordance with the usual practices of good English. The student is also expected to provide copies of the manuscript including all tables and figures and copies of sound recordings or slides, if any, for all members of the committee. This applies to the project as well and would include copies of tapes, DVD's, etc. The student is expected to check the media project carefully for audio and video problems (signal loss, static, noise, etc.)

Following the defense of the thesis/project and acceptance by the committee, a copy of the complete manuscript and/or project free from **ALL** errors must be submitted to the Media Studies office for pre-checking. In the pre-check, the Office will examine the manuscript/project in detail so that any errors of format found at that point can be corrected before the archival and final copies are made. When format errors have been corrected, the student will prepare an original (archival copy) and at least three copies of the final text and any sound recordings or slides.

The original (archival copy), at least two final copies and an electronic version of the thesis must be submitted to the Dean for official approval. If approved, the original and two copies shall become the property of the university. Therefore, if the student wants a personal copy, with a completed signature page, or additional signed copies, they must be presented with the original and the two required copies.

Paper and Duplication

Archival Copy (Original)

The thesis or written materials accompanying the project must be printed on high quality, durable, white paper, $8-1/2 \times 11$ inches in size and at least twenty-pound weight.

The paper chosen for the archival copy of the thesis must be selected for its permanence and durability and must be acid-free with a minimum of two percent alkaline reserve. Erasable papers are not acceptable for any portion of the project or thesis.

The electronic version of the thesis and the written materials accompanying the project should be submitted on CD-ROM in both MS-Word and Adobe PDF file formats.

No compression or password protection should be used. All fonts used should be embedded in the document. External or internal links to multi-media files are acceptable. If

multimedia elements are used in the document, file formats should be identified in the thesis abstract. Acceptable file formats include the following:

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Images:
  GIF (.gif)
  JPEG (.jpeg)
  PDF (.pdf) use Type 1 PostScript fonts
  TIFF (.tif)
Video:
  Apple Quick Time (.mov)
  Microsoft Audio Video Interleaved (.avi)
  MPEG (.mpg)
Audio:
  AIF (.aif)
  CD-DA
  CD-ROM/XA
  MIDI (.midi)
  MPEG-2
  SND (.snd)
  WAV (.wav)
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Copies

Copies of the thesis and written materials that accompany the project must also be on acid-free paper with a two percent alkaline reserve, again with a minimum weight of twenty pounds. Papers with high rag content do not work well in electrostatic or xerographic copy machines. If papers containing cotton rag are used in this type of copy machine, the rag content should not exceed twenty-five percent. When there is a higher rag content, the copied image can easily be erased or rubbed off.

Photocopying is a good method of duplication, but copy quality must be extremely good. This standard of quality is possible only if the machine used is very clean and well maintained.

Copies with stray marks, smudges, or other irregularities will not be accepted. The electrostatic method of photo duplication, which uses dry toner and a fusing technique with heat

and pressure, is preferred. Duplication methods that use papers coated with an image-forming layer are not acceptable, nor are those that use processes involving zinc oxide.

Photocopies should have consistently dark print quality with high contrast throughout the thesis. Any copies that appear significantly lighter than the rest must be recopied to conform to a uniform dark, clear print quality. It should be noted that photocopy machines enlarge the original by approximately one percent. This varies slightly among different machines, but it is important to be aware of this enlargement so that margin limitations will not be exceeded. Tables and figures may be reduced on reduction photocopy machines provided that any accompanying text does not become smaller than the typeface of the text or than elite type.

PREPARING THE MANUSCRIPT

Printing

Computer printers must be of letter quality. Dot matrix printers are, for purposes of these requirements, not of letter quality and therefore not acceptable. Acceptable font styles are:

Arial, CG Times or Times New Roman and font sizes: 11 or 12. Nonstandard typefaces, such as script, are not acceptable. Italics are permitted for mathematical and statistical expressions and scientific names of genera, species, and the like. All textual material should be computer printed or typewritten. Special symbols may be drawn in black India ink.

All printing, including pagination, must be of the same size and style. The text of the manuscript must be double -spaced, but long tables, long quotations (defined as 100 words or as stipulated within the student's discipline and applied consistently), footnotes, and multi-line captions should be single -spaced. Text must be on only one side of the paper. All paragraphs must be indented five spaces. Do not justify the text. Students are encouraged to bring sample pages of the final manuscript to their thesis directors to see that all manuscript requirements are being met.

Margins

The following minimum margins must be observed:

1-1/2 inches at the top, one inch at the bottom and right, and 1-1/2 inches on the left side of the page. The extra half-inch on the left is to allow for binding. This same 1-1/2 inch binding margin must be left on the appropriate side if the paper is turned ninety degrees in the typewriter when typing tables, charts, or other similar material. All information, including titles, footnotes,

and tables, must conform to the margins specified (except for page numbers). Large plates, charts, etc., must be reduced when possible so that they fit within the prescribed margins, but notations or writing on them must be easily legible and no smaller than elite type. When plates larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches cannot be reduced, refer to the section entitled "Oversized Material" for directions.

Pagination

Every page on which any typing, figure, table, or drawing appears is counted and numbered with the following exceptions: the approval sheet is neither counted nor numbered; the title page is counted as page i but not numbered; the abstract title page is counted but not numbered, although the number assigned to this page is used in the table of contents; the bibliography is preceded by a division sheet containing the centered word Bibliography or References, or other heading as determined by the discipline, and this page is counted but not numbered, although the number assigned to this page is used in the table of contents. If appendices are needed, they follow the bibliography and are preceded by a division sheet marked Appendix or Appendices, as appropriate, and it is counted but not numbered. All numbers are placed without punctuation in the upper right hand corner, 1/2 inch from the top edge and aligned with the right margin, except any page beginning with a centered heading must have the page number centered one half-inch from the bottom edge. The preliminary pages (those preceding the text of the thesis) are numbered consecutively in lowercase Roman numerals centered in the bottom margin. The first page to be numbered is the first page following the title page, and it is numbered ii. The text and reference pages are numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals, beginning with 1 on the first page of the text.

Footnotes and Endnotes

Students should follow the most recent APA guidelines for footnotes and/or endnotes.

Tables and Figures

The word "table" designates tabulated numerical data used in the body of the thesis and in the appendices. The word "figure" designates all other nonverbal material, such as illustrations, charts, graphs, maps, photographs, drawings, diagrams, musical scores, and facsimiles of manuscript pages. These may be inserted electronically or through a "cut and paste" method.

All tables and figures must be of reproducible quality. They are to be inserted as near as possible to the portion of the text which they illustrate. The table or figure, including the captions, is to be placed on the page inside the prescribed margins. Tables and figures are not to appear on the same page as the text to which they refer unless they occupy a half page or less; when text is used on the same page, it should be separated from the table or figure by a triple space. Two or more small tables or figures may be grouped on a single page. Any original figures should be rendered with black India ink. The use of pencil is not acceptable on the original, nor is the use of felt-tip pen since the color bleeds through to the adjacent pages. The use of color, especially in graphs, charts, or maps, should be avoided because colors often cannot be distinguished in copies. Therefore, lines of a graph should be identified using symbols or labels instead of colors. Areas on maps may be indicated by crosshatching rather than by color.

All tables and figures must be produced on quality paper, as specified under "Paper and Duplication." Musical examples on lower-quality paper must be photocopied on the quality paper specified under "Paper and Duplication." Tables and figures on transparent film or produced by computers on lower-quality paper must be photocopied on the quality paper specified under "Paper and Duplication."

Small figures must be mounted using the dry-mount process. With this method, dry-mount tissue, placed between the figures and the mounting paper, fuses when heat is applied (by either a heat press or an electric iron). Acid-free dry-mounting tissue must be used.

Rubber cement, aerosol spray glues, and gummed or cellophane tapes deteriorate rapidly and therefore are not acceptable. Spray adhesives and dry-mount cements must not be used.

When many smaller figures are used throughout the thesis, it is advisable to distribute the bulk by placing a portion of the figures toward the top of the page and the rest toward the bottom in order to even out the thickness of the manuscript. When smaller figures are being mounted using the above method, it is important to have page numbers and identification of figures already typed on the mounting paper. This identification of figures should be typed either beneath the figure or on the front of the preceding page.

Information should not be typed on the back of the preceding page (facing the figure). Tables and figures are numbered in separate series. Each table and figure, including any in the

appendix, must be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals in its own series. The captions for figures and tables must be identical with those used in the list of tables and the list of figures in the preliminary pages. Page numbers should be given to tables and figures that are interleaved with the text.

Graphs must be drawn on cross-section paper (or prepared by an artist), but the thesis paper margins must be preserved.

Large charts, tables, figures, etc., which must be reduced to fit within the prescribed margins, must have lettering and symbols which, after reduction, are at least as large as elite type so that they can be read easily.

Photographs

As noted, photographs are a type of figure. The following additional regulations apply to photographs. All photographs must be original prints for all copies of the thesis. Black and white photographs are preferred. If a color photograph must be used, a photograph of the same subject in black and white should be included since color photographs tend to fade. The photographs included in the archival copy of the thesis must receive archival processing. Standards for archival processing of photographs are specified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). These standards are listed under the following ANSI numbers: PH 4.29, PH 4.30, PH 4.32, and PH 4.33.

Photographs should be printed on an $8-1/2 \times 11$ inch sheet of single -weight polyfiber photographic paper with a glossy finish and included in the thesis without further mounting. The margins for the photographic image should be the same as those for typing (see "Margins"). If $8-1/2 \times 11$ inch paper is not available, the photograph(s) must be printed on a larger paper of this specific type and trimmed to size.

If the photographs are less than $8-1/2 \times 11$ inches, they should be firmly dry-mounted as discussed in the section "Tables and Figures." Acid-free dry-mounting tissue must be used.

No other adhesive should be used. Rubber cement, gummed or cellophane tapes, spray adhesives, dry-mount cements, photographic corners, and acetate pockets are not acceptable.

Mounted photographs should not extend into the 1-1/2 inch binding margin on the left side of the thesis.

Digitally inserted photographs are also acceptable; they should be in .jpg format.

Note: Please refer to copyright guidelines before reproducing and including photos and other inserts that are under copyright.

Oversized Material

Occasional exceptions to the 8-1/2 x 11-inch paper-size limitation are made when deemed necessary, as is sometimes the case with musical scores. The same physical specifications as listed under "Paper Quality" must be applied to all oversized material included in a thesis.

Charts, maps, graphs, tables, or any other necessary tables or figures which are larger than the standard page size and cannot be successfully reduced may be carefully folded and included in order in the thesis or placed in a large acid-free envelope for storage, when bound in a pocket, attached by the bindery, to the back board of the cover of the thesis. Oversized material to be stored in an envelope should be folded so that it is approximately one inch narrower than the width of the envelope and about 1/8 of an inch shorter than the length of the envelope. For example, if the dimensions of the envelope are 7-1/2 x 10 inches, then the outer dimensions of the folded oversized material to be stored should be no larger than 6-1/2 x 9-7/8 inches. Envelopes made of acid-free material can be obtained from a number of sources.

When oversized material is to be included as a regular page in the thesis, the material should be arranged on the page to allow a margin of 1-1/2 inches on the binding edge. When the figure is folded this binding margin must protrude from the folds and be a 1-1/2 inch stub on the left side of the folded page. The page should be folded carefully so that there are as few folds made as possible, and so that the page can be easily unfolded after the thesis is bound. The folded outer edges of the material should be 1/2 inch smaller than the text pages on all three unbound edges of the thesis. The overall dimensions of the folded material, then, will be approximately 8 x 10 inches. With these dimensions the bindery can safely trim 1/8 inch off the three open edges of the thesis without slicing into the folds.

Computer Printouts

A computer printout to be submitted as part of the thesis should be reduced to the standard 8-1/2 x 11 inch page size. Computer paper, which is 11 x 14-7/8 reduces to 8-1/2 x 11 inches on a photocopy machine set at seventy-seven percent reproduction size. Margin requirements are the same as for the rest of the thesis. The reduced print cannot be smaller than elite type and should be of dark, clear, good quality. Computer printouts must meet the standards specified for paper quality. If the available printer does not produce clear print, the computer printout should be typed.

Slides

Slides must be taken with Kodak Ektachrome 50 Professional film (Tungsten) ASA 50 balanced for exposure by Tungsten (3200K) lamps.

Two-dimensional items must be placed on a flat black wall. Two new 500W (3200K) Tungsten photo lamps should be set at forty-five-degree angles to the item to be photographed so that the surface will be evenly lit. Make sure that all extraneous light sources are turned off before starting.

All exposures must be metered from a gray card (eighteen percent reflectance). The gray card should be held near the center of the item. For the light reading, the meter is held within six inches of the surface and in such a manner that the card is not shaded by the meter or by the person holding the meter.

Transparencies must be in a glass mount. Slide-mounting glass should be cleaned to remove contaminants before the slides are assembled. The transparencies must be masked with silver tape before being placed between the glass.

A typed label with the following information should be placed on each slide: name, date, title, and number. Slides must be arranged in correct sequence and numbered consecutively. A small gummed paper dot must be applied to the lower left corner of each mount. Slides, when mounted and labeled, must be placed on 9-1/8 by 11-3/8-inch archival slide pages.

Sound Recording Archival Master (Original)

The original recording should be executed on a full size compact disc designed for audio and music recording following Red Book standards. The sound file(s) must be normalized so that sufficient level is present on the CD. The recording may not contain any digital artifacts and must be playable on commercial CD players.

Copies

Copies should be executed on the same brand, quality and length of CD medium and be an exact digital duplicate. All copies must have the same index numbers and timings as the original.

Labels

The CD face and J-Card should be white with black lettering no smaller than 9-point typeface.

Each label on the CD face and the J-card shall contain the following information:

- Title or short title, two line maximum
- Performer's name as it appears on the title page of the manuscript
- CD number and the total number of sides (example: CD1 of 5)
- The total duration of the CD
- Number, name and duration of each index
- The words "Thesis" or "Project" as appropriate
- Degree and Date to be conferred
- All numbers must be Arabic except those that are part of the title or performers name. Each copy must be housed in a one-piece, hinged, see-through polypropylene jewel case.

ARRANGEMENT OF CONTENTS

The thesis typically includes the following parts arranged in the order given:

Thesis Part	Page Assignment
Front flyleaf (blank)	no page number assigned
Approval sheet	no page number assigned
Title page	small roman numeral (assigned, not printed)
Copyright page (optional)	small roman numeral (printed)
Acknowledgment or dedication page (optional)	small roman numeral (printed)
Table of contents	small roman numeral (printed)
List of tables (if used)	small roman numeral (printed)
List of figures (if used)	small roman numeral (printed)

List of abbreviations or symbols (if used) small roman numeral (printed)

Abstract small roman numeral (first page assigned

but not printed; second page, if necessary,

printed)

Body of thesis (chapters)

Arabic numerals, starting with 1

Division sheet Arabic numeral (assigned, not printed),

continuing from body

Reference material or bibliography continuing Arabic numerals (printed)

Division sheet continuing Arabic numeral (not printed)

Appendices (if included) continuing Arabic numerals (printed)

Back flyleaf (blank) no page number assigned

A thesis (and, in most instances, the written materials that accompany a project) have three major parts—preliminaries, text, and reference material. Although these divisions are not so labeled in the thesis, the terms are used here for the sake of convenience.

The Preliminary Pages

The preliminary pages include the following in the order given: the approval sheet; the title page; the copyright page if the thesis is copyrighted; an acknowledgments page; a table of contents; if appropriate, a list of tables, a list of figures, and a list of abbreviations or symbols; and an abstract.

The function of the approval sheet is to enable the student's thesis director, committee, and the Dean or a representative to indicate that the manuscript satisfies the thesis requirement for the particular degree. It includes the title of the thesis, the student's name, and spaces for the prescribed signatures (see Sample B).

The signatures on all copies must be originals and rendered in blue ink.

The title page is counted as page i, but the number is not printed on the page. The date should include the month and the year in which the thesis is approved by the student's committee. Words are underlined (to indicate italics) in the title only when they themselves are titles or when they are scientific terms that are customarily underlined (see Sample C).

If sound recordings or slides are a part of the thesis, the number, written, of each, should be typed on the title page, centered, four lines below the month and year thesis is approved (see examples C-II and C-III).

A master's candidate must decide whether or not to copyright the thesis. If such a page is used, it is page ii, typed (see Copyright).

An acknowledgments page in which the student expresses recognition of and appreciation for any special assistance is optional but is customarily included. If such a page is used, the word Acknowledgments should be centered without punctuation two inches from the top of the page.

The text of the acknowledgment should begin on the fourth line below.

The contents page should be headed Table of Contents, with the heading centered without punctuation two inches from the top of the page. The listings begin at the left margin four spaces below the heading. The table of contents lists all material following the contents page.

The titles of chapters, parts or sections must be listed and must be worded exactly as they appear in the body of the manuscript. The page number of each part is listed flush against the right margin and below the heading page. Any space between the last word of a section title and the page number can be filled with spaced periods (see Sample D).

The format of the list of tables and the list of figures is the same as that for the table of contents (see Sample E). The list of abbreviations or symbols should follow the form normally used in the student's discipline.

The abstract consists of an essay-style summary of the thesis. It should be a succinct account allowing readers to make an accurate decision as to whether the full contents will aid their study. Diagrams or other illustrated materials and formulas or equations in the abstract are to be avoided if possible (see Sample F). The title on the abstract page should follow the pattern of the title page for the thesis (see Sample F). The abstract title page is not numbered or centered, but the body of the abstract should continue the consecutive roman enumeration begun with the title page. In other words, the abstract page is assigned a number, but it is not typed. The body of the abstract is to be typed and double -spaced.

The Text

The text, the body of the thesis, is to be double spaced using one side of each page. As indicated in the table of contents, each of the major divisions of the body of the manuscript will begin a page. The heading for the division should be centered without punctuation two inches below the top of the page, the next beginning four spaces below the heading. The pages of the text are numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals from the first page of the text through the bibliography and any appendices.

Bibliography

For the bibliography, the student should follow departmental practice on inclusion or exclusion of works and on the form of the entry. This section should begin with a cover sheet headed Bibliography or List of References or Literature Cited or another heading as determined by the discipline, centered without punctuation. This page is assigned a number but it is not printed. The heading is repeated on the first page of the bibliography itself, two inches from the top, centered, and without punctuation. The list of sources begins four spaces below the heading.

The sources themselves are frequently arranged in alphabetical order by the last name of the author or the first major word of the title of anonymous publications, but some disciplines may suggest a different grouping of sources. The precise content of the entry should be determined by the discipline, but the intent is to provide all of the information necessary for the reader to locate and consult the sources. Regardless of the form used, each journal citation should include at least the author's name, title of the article, the journal in which it was published, the volume and issue number, year, and pages. Book citations should include, as a minimum, author, title, and publisher. Format of literature citations should conform to those used by the major journals in the investigator's specific field.

Appendices

Appendices should begin with a division sheet marked Appendix or Appendices. This page is assigned a number but it is not printed. All pages following the division sheet are numbered with the consecutive Arabic numerals begun on the first page of the text.

COPYRIGHT, DUE DATE, AND BINDING

Copyright

If copyright is to be secured for the thesis, the notice of copyright must appear at the center of a separate copyright page. The notice consists of three elements: (1) the symbol ©, (2) the year of first publication (the year in which the thesis is approved by the Student's Committee), and (3) the name of the owner of copyright (name of thesis author).

Example:

© 1998 by Lee Henry Bowker

Such notice does not include sound recordings. Information on copyright protection may be obtained at the reference desk in the library.

A master's candidate must decide whether or not to copyright the thesis. It is not required.

Due Date

Copies of the thesis must be officially deposited with the Dean on or before the date specified in the academic calendar. The report of the oral examination will be filed by the thesis director with the Dean immediately after the advisory committee has given final approval.

After the Dean approves the thesis, the thesis, the thesis director will report grades to the registrar for any thesis course credit, or will remove any grades of "IP" in thesis credit.

Binding

After the signature page is signed by the Dean, the original and at least two copies of the manuscript are each to be placed separately in 10 x 13-inch envelopes. An electronic version of the manuscript (on disk or CD-ROM) must also be submitted at this time.

If sound recordings are a part of the thesis, the original recording (master) must be placed in the envelope containing the archival copy of the manuscript. A copy of the original recording must be placed in each of the envelopes, which contain copies of the manuscript.

If slides are a part of the thesis, a complete set of slides in archival slide pages must be placed in each of the envelopes, which contain copies of the manuscript.

The envelopes are to be left unsealed. The following information should be typed on the front center of the envelope: the student's name, permanent home address, title of the thesis, degree, and the month and year in which the thesis is approved (see Sample HI).

If compact discs or slides are part of the thesis the number, written, of each, with each manuscript should be typed on the envelope preceded by the word "Includes." (See Samples H-II and H-III.)

The thesis and all copies to be bound are taken to the university library and deposited for binding. (Students should pay the required fee at the Cashier's Office and bring the receipt to the library along with the copies to be bound.) The student must call the circulation department and make an appointment beforehand. If sound recordings are part of the thesis, mention this when arranging an appointment. The original will go to the Office of Academic Affairs. One copy will be retained by the library and one copy will go to the department.

The student must bring a receipt from the library to the Dean's Office to verify deposit for binding. The student must pay the binding costs for all copies. If the student wishes to have additional copies bound in the same manner, arrangements should be made when copies are deposited for binding. The student has not satisfied all requirements for the degree until a receipt is presented to the Dean's Office from the library showing the thesis has been presented for binding.

The bindery will put the author's surname and the first five words of the title, followed by an ellipsis, if necessary, on the spine.

Format and Appearance – Projects

Supporting Documents for CD-ROM or DVD Project:

While it is expected that the final M.A. project is primarily visual in nature, supporting written documents that accompany the project are required. The exact nature of the accompanying written material should be agreed upon in advance by the student and project director and could include a hypothesis or research question, literature review, production schedule, budget, methodologies and procedures, narrative descriptions of pre-production, production, and post production, bibliography, etc. Written materials and documents should follow the same organizational structure as the thesis and also include:

- Title Page
- Abstract

- Reprint Permission Letters to reproduce previously copyrighted materials within the body of the work
- A description of software or other applications used to create the CD-ROM or DVD disk, including a list of files and file sizes on the disk
- Written permission to reproduce copyrighted images, video, graphics, animation, data and images of individuals. (See Appendix B, Media Studies Release Form)

Sample A-I
Sample of Cover Page of Thesis Proposal
(For Project Proposal cover page, see Sample A-II)

West Virginia State University Graduate School THESIS PROPOSAL FOR MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

Student's Name:	Date:	
Email:	Department/Program:	
Degree:		
Tentative Title:		
Committee Members:		
Name of Director:	Signature:	
Date:		
Committee Member # 1:	Signature:	
Date:		
Committee Member # 2:	Signature:	
Date:		
	Signature:	
Date:		
Dean:	Signature:	
Date:		

Sample A-II

Sample of Cover Page of Project Proposal

(For Thesis cover page, see Sample A-II)

West Virginia State University Graduate School PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

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Email:		
Department/Program:		
Degree:		
Tentative Title:		
Medium:		
Committee Members:		
Name of Director:	Signature:	
Date:		
Committee Member # 1:	Signature:	
Date:		
Committee Member # 2:	Signature:	
Date:		
Program Coordinator:	Signature:	
Date:		
Dean:	Signature:	
Doto		

THESIS TITLE HERE SINGLE-SPACED IN CAPITALS

By

John William Doe

A Thesis
Submitted to the
Faculty of the Graduate School
of
West Virginia State University
in Partial Fulfillment of
the Requirements for the Degree
of

Master of Arts

> (Spring, Fall, or Summer) 20__ West Virginia State University Institute, West Virginia

PROJECT TITLE HERE SINGLE-SPACED IN CAPITALS

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A Project
Submitted to the
Faculty of the Graduate School
of
West Virginia State University
in Partial Fulfillment of
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of

Master of Arts

Committee:		
	, Director	
	, Media Studies Graduate Co	ordinator
	, Dean	
Date:		

(Spring, Fall, or Summer) 20__ West Virginia State University Institute, West Virginia

SAMPLE C-I

Form to be followed on Title Page for **Thesis** (For Project title page see Sample C-II)

TITLE HERE SINGLE-SPACED IN CAPITALS

A thesis presented to the faculty of the Graduate School of West Virginia State University in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts

By

(Student's name in full)

Director: Director's name, title, and department

(Month and year in which thesis is approved)

SAMPLE C-II

Form to be followed on Title Page for **Project** (For Thesis title page see Sample C-I)

TITLE HERE SINGLE-SPACED IN CAPITALS

A project presented to the faculty of the Graduate School of West Virginia State University in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts

By

(Student's name in full)

Director: Director's name, title, and department

(Month and year in which thesis is approved)

Medium: (List media used – DVD-R, CD-ROM, etc)

SAMPLE D

Sample Acknowledgement Page

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to thank my advisor and thesis director, Dr. William Trowbridge for his support and encouragement throughout......etc, etc. (continue, single-space)

SAMPLE E

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

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SAMPLE E List of Tables

Table	Page
Summary of Election Day Trends, 1960-1996.	
Susceptibility of Undecided Voters to Attitude Change Due to Media Ads	
Comparative Effectiveness of "Positive" vs. "Negative" Advertising	

SAMPLE F

Sample of Abstract

Abstract

THESIS/PROJECT TITLE HERE SINGLE-SPACED IN CAPITALS

John H. Doe, M.A.

West Virginia State University (Month and year degree granted)

Director: Dr. Erasmus B. Draggen

(Abstract, typed and double -spaced, starting at this point, continuing on next page if needed.)

SAMPLE G

Sample of DVD/CD/Media Label For M.A. Project

THE PRESIDENT'S DAY PROJECT

John James Doe 5/1/04

43:05

mins.

Media Studies Project: M.A. 7/7/04

SAMPLE H-I

Envelope Cover for Manuscript (For Envelope Cover for Project see Sample H-II)

> West Virginia State University Graduate School

> > John Charles Doe 2489 Main Street St. Albans, WV 25177

AN EVALUATION OF TELEVISION ADVERTISING IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, 1960-1996

Master of Arts

May 2004 (Month and year degree granted)

SAMPLE H-II

Envelope Cover for Project (For Envelope Cover for Manuscript see Sample H-I)

> West Virginia State University Graduate School

> > John Charles Doe 2489 Main Street St. Albans, WV 25177

THE PRESIDENT'S DAY PROJECT

Master of Arts
May 2004 (Month and year degree granted)

Includes 2 DVD-R'S

DESIGNATED MANUALS

For all Media Studies Theses:

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, latest ed.

APPENDIX A

Media Studies Project

Release Form

This letter confirms the agreement between you and <u>West Virginia State University</u> regarding your participation in an approved West Virginia State University Media Studies Graduate Project in which you may be filmed, photographed or videotaped from time to time.

For valuable consideration received, you hereby irrevocably grant to West Virginia State University perpetually, exclusively, and for all media throughout the world (including print, non-theatrical, home video, CD-ROM, internet and any other electronic medium presently in existence or invented in the future), the right to use and incorporate (alone or together with other materials), in whole or in part, photographs or video footage taken of you as a result of your participation in approved activities of West Virginia State University.

You hereby agree that you will not bring or consent to others bringing claim or action against West Virginia State University on the grounds that anything contained in the Project, or in the advertising and publicity used in connection herewith, is defamatory, reflects adversely on you, violates any other right whatsoever, including, without limitation, rights of privacy and publicity.

You hereby release West Virginia State University, its directors, officers, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, suits, costs, expenses, liabilities, and damages whatsoever that you may hereafter have against West Virginia State University in connection with the Project.

This agreement shall not obligate West Virginia State University to use the Project or to use any of the rights granted hereunder, or to prepare, produce, exhibit, distribute or exploit the Project.

West Virginia State University shall have the right to assign its rights hereunder, without your consent, in whole or in part, to any person, firm or corporation.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED this	day of	, 20
Participant's Signature Witness		
Signature of Parent or Guardian Witness (if pa	participant is under 18 years of	age)
Print name of Participant:		
Telephone Number		

APPENDIX B HOW TO SET LEADERS (Works with Word)

Open up a sheet of paper

Set your margins as follows:

□ Top = 2 inches
 □ Left = 1 1/2 inches
 □ Bottom = 1/2 inches
 □ Right = 1 inch

Be sure your ruler is displayed - if not, go to View and place a check (by using cursor) by Ruler.

Type Table of Contents or List of Tables or List of Figures (and Center) - return and change Center heading to left setting so type is not centered.

By pointing cursor at the **TAB** set (at left end of ruler) choose the left TAB set () and go to about the 5 1/2 mark on your top ruler and point your cursor and set your left TAB and click. With your cursor change your **TAB** set to () and go to the last "hash" mark (probably the third mark past the 5 1/2 mark) on your ruler and again, by pointing the cursor, set this **TAB** here. Return and press TAB two times and type the word Page. (You will notice that it is typing the word Page from right to left). Press Return.

Next go to FORMAT (top of your screen) and choose TAB. This will open a "window" that has leaders - which automatically has NONE set. Go to 2 and enter a check mark and say OK. This will automatically set your leaders so that they will end where you have marked your LEFT TAB to set. Press TAB once more and this will take you to the end of the line where you can type your page numbers which will automatically line up from right to left.

When you need to change your level of header go back to TAB and with your cursor choose the left () TAB set and set this where it is appropriate. You can keep setting these TABS as your levels of headings change.

APA Citation Basics

When using APA format, follow the author-date method of in-text citation. This means that the author's last name and the year of publication for the source should appear in the text, for example, (Jones, 1998), and a complete reference should appear in the reference list at the end of the paper.

If you are referring to an idea from another work but **NOT** directly quoting the material, or making reference to an entire book, article or other work, you only have to make reference to the author and year of publication and not the page number in your in-text reference. All sources that are cited in the text must appear in the reference list at the end of the paper.

In-Text Citation Capitalization, Quotes, and Italics/Underlining

- Always capitalize proper nouns, including author names and initials: D. Jones.
- If you refer to the title of a source within your paper, capitalize all words that are four letters long or greater within the title of a source: *Permanence and Change*. Exceptions apply to short words that are verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs: *Writing New Media*, *There Is Nothing Left to Lose*.

(**Note:** in your References list, only the first word of a title will be capitalized: Writing new media.)

- When capitalizing titles, capitalize both words in a hyphenated compound word: *Natural-Born Cyborgs*.
- Capitalize the first word after a dash or colon: "Defining Film Rhetoric: The Case of Hitchcock's *Vertigo*."
- Italicize or underline the titles of longer works such as books, edited collections, movies, television series, documentaries, or albums: *The Closing of the American Mind*; *The Wizard of Oz*; *Friends*.
- Put quotation marks around the titles of shorter works such as journal articles, articles from edited collections, television series episodes, and song titles: "Multimedia Narration: Constructing Possible Worlds"; "The One Where Chandler Can't Cry."

Short Quotations

If you are directly quoting from a work, you will need to include the author, year of publication, and the page number for the reference (preceded by "p."). Introduce the quotation with a signal phrase that includes the author's last name followed by the date of publication in parentheses.

According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

Jones (1998) found "students often had difficulty using APA style" (p. 199); what implications does this have for teachers?

If the author is not named in a signal phrase, place the author's last name, the year of publication, and the page number in parentheses after the quotation.

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

Long Quotations

Place direct quotations longer than 40 words in a free-standing block of typewritten lines, and omit quotation marks. Start the quotation on a new line, indented 1/2 inch from the left margin, i.e., in the same place you would begin a new paragraph. Type the entire quotation on the new margin, and indent the first line of any subsequent paragraph within the quotation 1/2 inch from the new margin. Maintain double-spacing throughout. The parenthetical citation should come after the closing punctuation mark.

Jones's (1998) study found the following:

Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time citing sources. This difficulty could be attributed to the fact that many students failed to purchase a style manual or to ask their teacher for help. (p. 199)

Summary or Paraphrase

If you are paraphrasing an idea from another work, you only have to make reference to the author and year of publication in your in-text reference, but APA guidelines encourage you to also provide the page number (although it is not required.)

According to Jones (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners. APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners (Jones, 1998, p. 199).

Contributors: Elizabeth Angeli, Jodi Wagner, Elena Lawrick, Kristen Moore, Michael Anderson, Lars Soderlund, Allen Brizee, Russell Keck.

Summary:

APA (American Psychological Association) is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the **6th edition**, second printing of the APA manual, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th edition, second printing.

In-Text Citations: Author/Authors

APA style has a series of important rules on using author names as part of the author-date system. There are additional rules for citing indirect sources, electronic sources, and sources without page numbers.

Citing an Author or Authors

A Work by Two Authors: Name both authors in the signal phrase or in the parentheses each time you cite the work. Use the word "and" between the authors' names within the text and use the ampersand in the parentheses.

Research by Wegener and Petty (1994) supports... (Wegener & Petty, 1994)

A Work by Three to Five Authors: List all the authors in the signal phrase or in parentheses the first time you cite the source.

(Kernis, Cornell, Sun, Berry, & Harlow, 1993)

In subsequent citations, only use the first author's last name followed by "et al." in the signal phrase or in parentheses.

(Kernis et al., 1993)

In et al., et should not be followed by a period.

Six or More Authors: Use the first author's name followed by et al. in the signal phrase or in parentheses.

Harris et al. (2001) argued... (Harris et al., 2001)

Unknown Author: If the work does not have an author, cite the source by its title in the signal phrase or use the first word or two in the parentheses. Titles of books and reports are italicized or underlined; titles of articles, chapters, and web pages are in quotation marks.

A similar study was done of students learning to format research papers ("Using APA," 2001).

Note: In the rare case the "Anonymous" is used for the author, treat it as the author's name (Anonymous, 2001). In the reference list, use the name Anonymous as the author.

Organization as an Author: If the author is an organization or a government agency, mention the organization in the signal phrase or in the parenthetical citation the first time you cite the source.

According to the American Psychological Association (2000),...

If the organization has a well-known abbreviation, include the abbreviation in brackets the first time the source is cited and then use only the abbreviation in later citations.

First citation: (Mothers Against Drunk Driving [MADD], 2000)

Second citation: (MADD, 2000)

Two or More Works in the Same Parentheses: When your parenthetical citation includes two or more works, order them the same way they appear in the reference list, separated by a semicolon.

(Berndt, 2002; Harlow, 1983)

Authors With the Same Last Name: To prevent confusion, use first initials with the last names.

(E. Johnson, 2001; L. Johnson, 1998)

Two or More Works by the Same Author in the Same Year: If you have two sources by the same author in the same year, use lower-case letters (a, b, c) with the year to order the entries in the reference list. Use the lower-case letters with the year in the in-text citation.

Research by Berndt (1981a) illustrated that...

Introductions, Prefaces, Forewords, and Afterwords: When citing an Introduction, Preface, Foreword, or Afterwords in-text, cite the appropriate author and year as usual.

(Funk & Kolln, 1992)

Personal Communication: For interviews, letters, e-mails, and other person-to-person communication, cite the communicators name, the fact that it was personal communication, and the date of the communication. Do not include personal communication in the reference list.

(E. Robbins, personal communication, January 4, 2001).

A. P. Smith also claimed that many of her students had difficulties with APA style (personal communication, November 3, 2002).

Citing Indirect Sources

If you use a source that was cited in another source, name the original source in your signal phrase. List the secondary source in your reference list and include the secondary source in the parentheses.

Johnson argued that...(as cited in Smith, 2003, p. 102).

Note: When citing material in parentheses, set off the citation with a comma, as above. Also, try to locate the original material and cite the original source.

Electronic Sources

If possible, cite an electronic document the same as any other document by using the author-date style.

Kenneth (2000) explained...

Unknown Author and Unknown Date: If no author or date is given, use the title in your signal phrase or the first word or two of the title in the parentheses and use the abbreviation "n.d." (for "no date").

Another study of students and research decisions discovered that students succeeded with tutoring ("Tutoring and APA," n.d.).

Sources Without Page Numbers

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Frook, B. D. (1999, July 23). New inventions in the cyberworld of toylandia [Msg 25]. Message posted to http://groups.earthlink.com/forum/messages/00025.html

Blog (Weblog) and Video Blog Post

Include the title of the message and the URL. Please note that titles for items in online communities (e.g. blogs, newsgroups, forums) are not italicized. If the author's name is not available, provide the screen name.

J Dean. (2008, May 7). When the self emerges: Is that me in the mirror? [Web log comment]. Retrieved from http://www.spring.org.uk/the1sttransport

Psychology Video Blog #3 [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqM90eQi5-M

Wikis

Please note that the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* warns writers that wikis (like Wikipedia, for example) are collaborative projects that cannot guarantee the verifiability or expertise of their entries.

OLPC Peru/Arahuay. (n.d.). Retrieved April 29, 2011 from the OLPC Wiki: http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC_Peru/Arahuay

Audio Podcast

For all podcasts, provide as much information as possible; not all of the following information will be available. Possible addition identifiers may include Producer, Director, etc.

Bell, T. & Phillips, T. (2008, May 6). A solar flare. *Science @ NASA Podcast*. Podcast retrieved from http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.htm

Video Podcasts

For all podcasts, provide as much information as possible; not all of the following information will be available. Possible addition identifiers may include Producer, Director, etc.

Scott, D. (Producer). (2007, January 5). The community college classroom [Episode 7]. *Adventures in Education*. Podcast retrieved from http://www.adveeducation.com

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(E. Robbins, personal communication, January 4, 2001).

A. P. Smith also claimed that many of her students had difficulties with APA style (personal communication, November 3, 2002).

Motion Picture

Basic reference list format:

Producer, P. P. (Producer), & Director, D. D. (Director). (Date of publication). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor.

Note: If a movie or video tape is not available in wide distribution, add the following to your citation after the country of origin: (Available from Distributor name, full address and zip code).

A Motion Picture or Video Tape with International or National Availability

Smith, J. D. (Producer), & Smithee, A. F. (Director). (2001). *Really big disaster movie* [Motion picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.

A Motion Picture or Video Tape with Limited Availability

Harris, M. (Producer), & Turley, M. J. (Director). (2002). *Writing labs: A history* [Motion picture]. (Available from Purdue University Pictures, 500 Oval Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907)

Television Broadcast or Series Episode

Producer, P. P. (Producer). (Date of broadcast or copyright). Title of broadcast [*Television broadcast or Television series*]. City of origin: Studio or distributor.

Single Episode of a Television Series

Writer, W. W. (Writer), & Director, D. D. (Director). (Date of publication). Title of episode [Television series episode]. In P. Producer (Producer), *Series title*. City of origin: Studio or distributor.

Wendy, S. W. (Writer), & Martian, I. R. (Director). (1986). The rising angel and the falling ape [Television series episode]. In D. Dude (Producer), *Creatures and monsters*. Los Angeles, CA: Belarus Studios.

Television Broadcast

Important, I. M. (Producer). (1990, November 1). *The nightly news hour* [Television broadcast]. New York, NY: Central Broadcasting Service.

A Television Series

Bellisario, D.L. (Producer). (1992). *Exciting action show* [Television series]. Hollywood: American Broadcasting Company.

Music Recording

Songwriter, W. W. (Date of copyright). Title of song [Recorded by artist if different from song writer]. On *Title of album* [Medium of recording]. Location: Label. (Recording date if different from copyright date).

Taupin, B. (1975). Someone saved my life tonight [Recorded by Elton John]. On *Captain fantastic and the brown dirt cowboy* [CD]. London, England: Big Pig Music Limited.