

PROPOSED ESSAY TUTORIAL DEADLINES
PROGRAM OF LIBERAL STUDIES
2020-2021

Monday, March 22	Students may begin submitting proposals to the office. Each student may submit one (and only one) proposal, and that proposal must have the approval of a faculty member who has agreed to direct the thesis.
Friday, April 17	In consultation with their directors, students will prepare a revised proposal that includes a plan for reading and/or research over the summer.
Tuesday, Aug. 25	First day of classes.
Friday, Sept. 11	Detailed outline of project, with a bibliography.
Friday, Oct. 2	5 pp. of the essay due.
October 17-25	Fall break
Friday, Oct. 30	15 pp. of the essay due, either completing one part of the eventual essay or covering the entire argument and topic in a form to be later expanded in consultation with the director.
Friday, Nov. 20	25 pp. due, fleshing out the main argument and structure.
Monday, Dec. 7	Complete draft due—from introduction to notes. By agreement of the department, there will be penalties for missing this deadline. If you miss the deadline, you can receive no higher than a “B” for the non-essay portion of your grade.
Friday, Dec. 11	If the full draft is not in, you can receive no higher than a “D” for the final course grade.
Dec. 14-18	Exams
Monday, March 22, 4 pm	Three copies of the final essay due in PLS office. The final version for binding and two copies will not be accepted without the director’s signature. One copy, with markings of the second reader, will be returned along with a letter from the second reader. Senior theses are generally between 9,000 and 15,000 words (the equivalent of 35-60 double-spaced pages of 12-point font), with 40-45 pp. of double spaced text being the norm. Essays submitted after the deadline but by Friday, March 26 can receive no higher grade than a “B.” Essays submitted April 5-9 (by 4:30) can receive no higher grade than a “C.” Essays submitted April 12-16 can receive no higher grade than a “D.”