

Department of English Thesis (Literature): Calendar 2021-23

Date	Junior Year	Senior Year
Fall Semester		Seniors Writing 2-term theses are Enrolled in <b>English 498</b> (Thesis Colloquium); One-term thesis writers enrolled in <b>English 497</b> .
~October 15	<b>Junior Questionnaire</b> is Distributed; Juniors are instructed to return it to their Advisors <b>by the Sunday before Advising Week</b> . We hope that interested thesis-writers will identify themselves. <b>Look, too, for sophomores who intend to study abroad.</b>	
November 1-5: <b>Advising Week</b>	Advisors, using the Junior Questionnaire, identify likely thesis writers and actively plan out student's remaining three semesters with the thesis in mind.	
November 8-12: <b>Registration</b>		Two-term thesis writers register for <b>English 499</b> ; One-term thesis writers register for <b>English 497</b> . Both require a "Special Registration Form" signed by the Department Chair.
December 16: <b>First Day of Finals</b>		<b>One-Term Theses Due</b>
Spring Semester		Theses writers enrolled in <b>497 or 499</b> .
Late January: <b>First Day of Classes</b>	Descriptions of the next year's <b>Senior Seminars</b> are e-mailed to all Juniors, as a way of helping them plan out their senior projects.	
February 15	By this date, students intending to write senior theses need to submit to Thesis Committee (Professor Bilston) a <b>Declaration of Intention</b> to write a one- or two-semester thesis. They need to specify which; and, if the former, to specify which semester they will be doing it.	
March 1	By this date, thesis writer will have found and met with an advisor, establishing a reading list for the thesis.	
April 1	<b>Proposals</b> (c. 5 pages) for theses due. This would be all theses to be written during senior year (including one-term theses in the spring).	

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	After the proposal has been accepted by the Thesis Committee, the student will be allowed to register for <b>497</b> (One term thesis, Fall) or <b>498</b> (Thesis Colloquium). For <b>Registration procedures, see below.</b>	
April 15		<b>Two-term theses due.</b>
April 11-15: <b>Registration</b>	Juniors who have received the approval of the thesis committee register for either <b>English 498</b> or <b>English 497.</b>	
May 10: <b>First Day of Finals</b>		<b>One-term theses due.</b>
May 17		<b>Senior Grades Due Archival Copies of Theses Due at Department Office</b>
Late Spring (before end of semester)	Proposals reviewed by Thesis Committee, signed by chair and returned to students so that they may register (see below).	

**Registering for the Thesis:** The **Thesis Proposal** must be signed by the advisor and then submitted, with a completed “Special Registration Form” (available from the Registrar), to the Thesis Committee. Students will be informed, by the end of the semester, of their standing. If the proposal meets the approval of the Thesis Committee, it is signed by the Chair and returned to the student. The Student then registers for 498 or 497 by handing the form in to the Registrar.