

HST 498 Senior Thesis Contract Name: _____
Semester: _____ Advisor Name: _____

Senior Thesis Parameters:

The senior thesis is a substantial, original research project that is the foundation for a graduate school writing sample or similar career endeavor.

1. **Thesis:** Students will identify a historical problem and offer an argument/thesis that addresses that problem. The thesis should contain an original interpretation of the topic.
2. **Sources:** Substantial research using primary and secondary sources as appropriate to the project.
3. **Historical Context:** Topic is discussed in its proper historical context
4. **Historiography:** Students will situate their interpretations into the proper historiographical context.
5. **Timeline:** Students will work out with their advisor a timeline for advisor meetings, an annotated bibliography, an outline, several drafts, and a final due date and submit this form to the History Department. Students are expected to meet regularly with the thesis advisor over the course of the term.
6. **Documentation:** Proper citations and bibliography in Chicago Manual of Style format.
7. **Advisor:** Students are expected to work closely with a faculty advisor. Faculty sign off must be present before one can be granted a registration permit for the course.
8. **Page length:** 20+ pages, exclusive of citations, illustrations, figures and bibliography.

Working Project Title: _____

Meeting frequency: _____

Annotated Bibliography Due: _____

Project Outline Due: _____

Draft(s) Due: _____

Final Project Due: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____