DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
HONOR’S and SENIOR THESIS
Suggested Project Timeline

2 QUARTERS PRIOR TO GRADUATION:

Week 3: Potential Topic Advisor approval ___
Week 6: Preliminary Bibliography Advisor approval ___
Week 10: Overview of Paper, w/ References, Outline Advisor approval ___

QUARTER OF GRADUATION (excluding summer*):

Week 1: Bibliography and Revised Outline Advisor approval ___
Week 4: Rough Draft Advisor approval ___
Week 7: 2nd Draft (incorporating advisor feedback) Advisor approval ___
Week 10: Final Approved Copy, with abstract, to IS office IS Office: __

Helpful Hints:
Check-out previous thesis papers in the departmental office (175 PLC)
Use the Writing Lab in the basement of PLC as a resource
Let people know if you see issues of problems coming up with your timeline for graduation; ADVANCED NOTICE CAN AVERT PROBLEMS!
Leave your advisor plenty of time and many chances to give you feedback on your work
Make sure that your advisor will be on-campus the term you plan to graduate
*Faculty may not be available summer term.
An abstract is a 1-page summary of your paper, including a thesis statement, main points and conclusion.

Please Note: Consider this paper the pinnacle of your academic experiences as an International Studies major. You should plan to revise several drafts, and leave your advisor ample time to provide you with feedback. The final product will be well worth it!

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