

International Relations Department Undergraduate (BA) Thesis Proposal Form

Who should use this Form

Undergraduate International Relations students who are seeking to be registered for the thesis and submitting their Thesis Proposal.

Important Information

If your proposal is approved, you will be registered as a Thesis-writing student. You will have one semester to complete your Thesis.

How to Submit

Submit this completed and signed form along with your approved proposal to the Department Coordinator.

STUDENT INFORMATION				
Student Name				Student ID
Requested Registration Periods	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer

THESIS INFORMATION	
Thesis Supervisor	
Second Reader	
Thesis Title	
Research Question(s)	
Abstract (approximately 250 words)	

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

My proposal includes the following required components.

Your supervisor may ask you to submit more than what is listed below.

- ☐ Introduction; summarizing the research question, background on your research topic and why it is worthy of further inquiry
- ☐ Preliminary summary of the thesis' structure (chapters, paragraphs)
- ☐ Academic and practical objectives of your proposed research
- ☐ Initial Literature Review on the topic organized around all major concepts identified in the research question
- ☐ Contextually constructed hypothesis and null hypothesis
- ☐ Initial proposal on the methodology used to test the hypothesis and null hypothesis (How will the research be conducted and why? Sample size, sampling method, study design)
- ☐ A brief analysis of the limits and uncertainties involved in the research

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

My project requires IRB approval	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, I have received IRB approval from St. Louis	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, I have submitted proof of IRB approval to the department coordinator	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

GUIDELINES & DEADLINES

I have read and understood the Departmental Thesis Guidelines and am aware of the deadline(s).

Student Signature		Date:
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APPROVAL SIGNATURES

Thesis Supervisor		Date:
Second Reader		Date:
Department Head		Date:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by dept. <input type="checkbox"/>	Proposal on file <input type="checkbox"/>	IRB clearance <input type="checkbox"/>	Student informed <input type="checkbox"/>
		Hold <input type="checkbox"/>	Registered <input type="checkbox"/>