

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Liberal Studies Program Thesis Proposal Workshop
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Fall, 2009
Four Thursdays, 6:30-8:30

Books required: Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers* (7th Edition)
Laurie Rozakis, *Schaum's Quick Guide to Writing Great Research Papers*
(2nd Edition)

Session I September 10

Go over rules and roles
Narrow/Focus: refine interest to question, problem, topic
Review Thesis Proposal Form and discuss two completed thesis proposals
Handouts: *Liberal Studies Thesis Writing: From the Start to the Finish* (Fall 2005)
Liberal Studies goals and emphasis

Session II October 15 Session in Library Room 156 (Dubin AV Room)

Focus thesis topic proposal toward organizing research and writing
 Read Rozakis, Chs. 1, 2, 3, and 4
 Read Turabian, Chs. 1, 2, and 5
Focus on Sources: Read Turabian Ch. 3
Bring to Workshop draft of Title, Problem Statement, and Review of Relevant Literature

Session III November 12

Focus on probable content and schedule of thesis
 Read Rozakis, Chs. 12 and 13
 Read Turabian, Chs. 6, 7, 9, and 10
 Read Rozakis, chs. 9, 10, and 11
Presentation of student proposals and schedules
Focus on Value premise of Liberal Studies
Bring to Workshop draft of entire thesis proposal.

Session IV December 3

Overview of final thesis requirements
Share mentor-approved method, outline, and beginning research
All students present progress to date
Read Turabian, Chs. 11, 15, and 16
Read Rozakis, Ch. 20
Review *Thesis Guidelines*
Bring to Workshop revised draft of entire thesis proposal.

Deadline for submission of final thesis proposal and signed approval form is December 11.

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