

Thesis Formatting Guidelines

Department of Religious Studies

- Title page: Title and subtitle: top third of page, centered, bold, title case
Author and date: bottom third of page, centered, bold
Additional text before author name: “Thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies by”
- Page setup: 8.5x11 inches, one-inch margins, page numbering at top right
- Main text: Times New Roman (or similar serified typeface), 12 point, double-spaced
- Footnotes: Numbered, same format as main text except single-spaced
- Headings: Level 1: bold, flush-left, title case
Level 2 (subheading): italics, flush-left, title case
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- File format: PDF
- Length: A thesis is typically 35-50 pages in length. Individual projects may fall outside this range, in consultation with the advisor.
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