

Instructions for Preparation of a Bachelor's Thesis

1. A thesis subject/topic should be selected by the student and the instructor of the department or academic unit in which it is written.
2. The credit assigned to theses differs among the departments/academic units. See appropriate departmental/unit personnel for further information.
3. The thesis should be prepared using the guidelines outlined in this document and by your department/unit.
4. The thesis and [thesis certification form](#) should be completed and submitted to:
 - a. The head of the department/academic unit according to their senior thesis deadline and
 - b. The College of LAS through the online [Undergraduate Theses & Capstone Online Submission System](#).
 - c. Please note, your thesis and certification form will be uploaded separately as PDF documents. If you need a scanner for your thesis certification form, the library has several, located [here](#).

Formatting Guidelines

- a. Please use this [template](#) to help you format your introductory pages of your thesis.
- b. The thesis must contain both a Table of Contents and a Bibliography.
- c. Use one-inch margins and double-spaced text.
- d. Pages should be numbered at the center of the top or bottom of each page or at the upper right-hand at the beginning of the margin.
- e. For all other questions concerning format, particularly the form to be employed for footnotes, table of contents, or bibliography, see your instructor or a format guide.

If you have additional questions, please contact LAS Honors at LASHonors@illinois.edu or 217.333.1158.