

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY'S THESIS PROSPECTUS INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **Title Page** (should include title, your name, Supervisor's name, signature & date and the two sentences "In compliance with Department of Sociology regulations...)
2. **Statement of Problem** (general hypothesis if applicable)
3. **Theoretical Context**
4. **Literature Review** (highly selective major sources)
5. **Research Design**
  - a. Data Source (e.g. library, secondary analysis, survey)
  - b. Sample (if applicable)
  - c. Measurement Instruments (if applicable)
  - d. Data Analysis
6. **Proposed Chapter Outline**
7. **Work Timetable**
8. **Preliminary Bibliography**

*Note:* The normal length of an MA thesis prospectus is approximately 15 pages.  
The normal length of a PhD thesis prospectus is approximately 50 pages.

For further instructions, please refer to the *Department of Sociology Graduate Handbook*.

M.A. students, see page 6

Ph.D. students, see page 10