

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 91
Honors Thesis Seminar
Spring 2006**

Class meetings: W 1.00pm-3.00pm
Saunders Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

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Our primary goals this semester are to move your writing along in a timely fashion, to provide you with guidance on chapter revision, and to help with final thesis preparation. We will not meet every week.

I have tried to carve out time to allow you develop “**writing blocks**” for sustained research and writing. Please use these for this purpose; do not allow other activities or responsibilities into these “writing blocks” – treat them as if you were in class.

Each week I shall try to bring along some simple examples of **good thesis writing practice**, but our main activities will focus on reading and discussing your chapters. The ‘thesis reading’ exercises are to engage you around the substance of your research, to help you sharpen your writing and revise draft chapters, and to learn from each other tools and techniques of good research and writing.

Key deadlines:

Early Jan: Chapter 3. Outline
January 30: Chapter 3: Draft Due
February 22: Chapter 4: Draft Due if possible
Third week March: Hand all revised chapters to advisors

January 11. **Introduction.
Trouble-shooting.**

Chapter 3. Outline Due.

January 18. **No class.
Combine Tuesday and Wednesday with Saturday, Sunday, and M.L. King
Day and create a 5 day writing or research block.**

January 25. **No class. Writing.**

Monday January 30:

Chapter 3 draft due in my box

February 1. **Title pages, Content pages, Figures, Maps, and Tables.
Reading Theses I**

Author 1: _____
Reader 1: _____
Reader 2: _____

Author 2: _____
Reader 3: _____
Reader 4: _____

Author 3: _____
Reader 5: _____

Reader 6: _____

February 8. **References Cited.
Reading Theses II**

Schedule your defense.

Author 1: _____
Reader 1: _____
Reader 2: _____

Author 2: _____
Reader 3: _____
Reader 4: _____

Author 3: _____
Reader 5: _____
Reader 6: _____

February 15. **What to expect from the defense.
Reading Theses III**

Author 1: _____
Reader 1: _____
Reader 2: _____

Author 2: _____
Reader 3: _____
Reader 4: _____

Author 3: _____
Reader 5: _____
Reader 6: _____

February 22. **Checking all the details.
Reading Theses IV:**

Chapter 4 due if possible.

Author 1: _____
Reader 1: _____
Reader 2: _____

Author 2: _____
Reader 3: _____
Reader 4: _____

Author 3: _____
Reader 5: _____
Reader 6: _____

March 1. **No class: Writing**

March 8. **No class: Writing**

March 15. **Spring Break**

March 22. **Sign-up/Drop-in – 327 Saunders Hall**

March 29. **Sign-up/Drop-in – 327 Saunders Hall**

By April 3rd: **Oral defense**

April 3-mid April: **Final revisions**

Final copy bound and signed. **Mid-April:** Hand in to Ms. Anne Scaff.