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Writing a Thesis

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Writing Your Thesis Resources

- Writing Proposals (notebook)
- “Writing Your Thesis” – *The Graduate*
- [Thesis Outline Template \(Shadewald\)](#)
- [Thesis Manual \(Online\)](#)
- Many good online references and books
 - <http://www.phys.unsw.edu.au/~jw/thesis.html>
 - <http://www.bible-reading.com/thesis.html>
 - http://www.suite101.com/links.cfm/academic_writing

Thesis Outline Template

- http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/educweb/thesis_template.doc
- Reduces writers block
- Speeds logical writing
- Allows more efficient editing and feedback
 - Provides proper context
 - Get's reader “up to speed” quickly
 - Once “approved” its approved (or is it?)

Thesis Manual

- <http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/thesis/manual/toc.html>
- Interesting Facts:
 - Instructions for including journal manuscripts (preferred!)
 - Instructions for first submittal, please note:

Major Professor must indicate that he/she has reviewed at least a preliminary copy of this thesis or dissertation and that, except for editing and committee recommendations, this document is **complete, in final form**, and ready for first submission.

- [References for style guides](#)
- Includes “what to do if my thesis is thicker than 400 pages” (only relevant to Jerry and Richard!!!)