UNIV401 & 402 ORIENTATION

Fall Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, September 19th, 2018
Introductions

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Meeting Agenda

- Review packet materials
- Funding opportunities & reminders
- Advice from the Front
- Meeting with Third Readers
REVIEW PACKET MATERIALS
Your Packet Contains...

- UNIV401 & 402 Schedule
- Third Reader Group List
- Presentation Evaluation Form
- Advice from the Front
- Committee Responsibilities
UNIV401 & 402 Fall Schedule

■ OCTOBER 27th
  ■ UNIV 402 Students – First Complete Draft due to thesis director (Required for 402 only)

■ NOVEMBER 13th and 14th
  ■ Formatting and Defending a Thesis
  ■ Choose at least one session and attend! (Required)

■ NOVEMBER 5th - 9th
  ■ Research group presentations (Required)
  ■ Third readers choose one of these two dates for students to present.
  ■ Depending on reader’s schedule, an alternative date and time may be chosen.
  ■ Times / Locations posted on Groups List – TBD.
UNIV401 & 402 Fall Schedule (Cont.)

■ NOVEMBER 14th
  ■ UNIV 402 Students – Set Defense Date/Formatting Appointment (Required for 402 only)

■ DECEMBER 5th
  ■ UNIV 401 Students – Progress Report Due via Email (Required for 401 only)
  ■ Outside Lecture Assignment Due (Required)
  ■ UNIV 402 Students – Deadline for Defense and Format Review (Required for 402 only)

■ DECEMBER 15th
  ■ UNIV 402 Students – Final Copy Submission by noon to URP (Required for 402 only)
Research Groups

- Research Groups are the heart of the UNIV courses!
  - Receive help on presentations and questions
  - Give help to group mates by providing feedback and asking questions
  - Interact with your peers
Group Presentations

- Group presentations will help you develop the ability to explain your specialized work to others in and out your field.

- You will:
  - Make a short presentation explaining your research and findings to your group.
  - Ask questions of other presenters in your group.
  - Fill out an evaluation form for each presentation.

- Expect an email by early October latest with your confirmed group day, time, & location!
Presentation Evaluation Forms

- Offers others thoughtful and constructive comments on their presentation in your sessions.
- Allows you to receive feedback from peers & Third Reader.
- Aids in developing presentation framework & working out bugs/potential problems.
Outside Lecture Assignment

■ OPTION #1
  ■ Attend another group’s presentation (NOT your own). Have the Third Reader present confirm your attendance to Victoria to receive credit.

■ OPTION #2
  ■ Attend an academic lecture on campus and write a 1-2 page analysis. More information can be found in the Senior Thesis Handbook.

■ SUBMISSION
  ■ Option #1 & #2 are both due December 5\textsuperscript{th}. Submissions can be emailed to Adam Grimes at agrimes@udel.edu
Upcoming Objectives

■ Plan the day & time for your group presentation.
■ Meet with your Thesis Director this week if possible
  ■ Discuss any changes, thoughts, & formulate a plan of action.
■ Send your most updated thesis proposal to your Third Reader & set up an appointment to meet with them individually.
■ Check out the Senior Thesis Handbook.

BUT...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?
Funding

- Support for your research:
  - URP Supply & Expense Grant

- Support for Conference Travel:
  - Academic Year Travel Awards

- Support over Winter Session:
  - Winter Session Award
  - Harward Fellows (HDWD candidates)
ADVICE FROM THE FRONT
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- Know your thesis writing software very well. Reach out to Adam or other staff for help with the complicated stuff.
- Start off on the right foot with your formatting.
- Cite early and often. Use a citation management tool like RefWorks before you get swamped.
- Schedule time to write and make yourself do it. It won’t magically get easier later. Set goals and timelines.
Advice from the Front (Cont.)

- Use your entire thesis committee for support, guidance, and professional development.

- Talk about your thesis with everyone. You’ll brainstorm, and get practice at explaining all the big words to people who don’t know anything about it.

- Don’t panic. Practice self-care. Reach out for help if you get overwhelmed. This is hard for everyone – they’re just hiding it well.

Why yes, I am a bit stressed.

Why do you ask?
The Importance of Being On Time

- Deadlines are highly important and meeting them will contribute to your success throughout the semesters (and also reduce stress).
- Do your best to stay on top of deadlines!
Time is Relative. Yours isn’t.

- Use the timeline you included in your thesis proposal to develop a year-long schedule.
- Keep it loose (there will be surprises along the way).
- Revise your timeline halfway through, based on your progress
Save Your Sanity

- Start writing now. **Right now.**
- *Internet junkies*: Turn off your computer’s network access!
  - *Internet add-ons for blocking sites (or timing your use)*:
    - StayFocusd (Google Chrome)
    - Leechblock (Firefox)
    - WasteNoTime (Safari)
    - And many more!

JUST GONNA WATCH ONE MORE VIDEO BEFORE STUDYING

AAAAND IT’S MIDNIGHT
Save Your Sanity (Cont.)

- Organize your work
  - RefWorks/Zotero/Mendeley
  - Properly labeled and organized computer files
- Save your work in *at least* two places
  - Dropbox/Google Docs/Old-fashioned email
  - Do not always rely just on USBs or your computer!
- Save often!
Any Questions?