



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 a 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

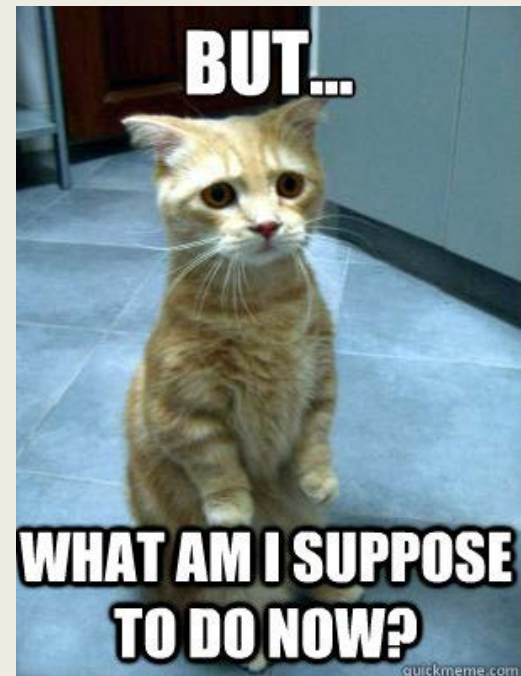
- Attend an academic lecture on campus and write a 1-2 page analysis. More information can be found in the Senior Thesis Handbook.

■ SUBMISSION

- Option #1 & #2 are both due December 5th. 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.



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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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)

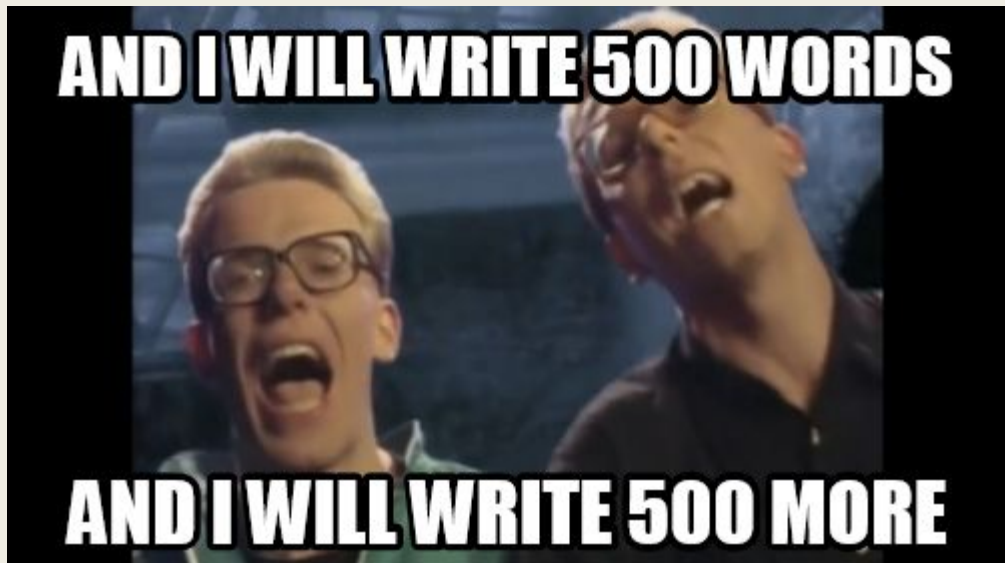


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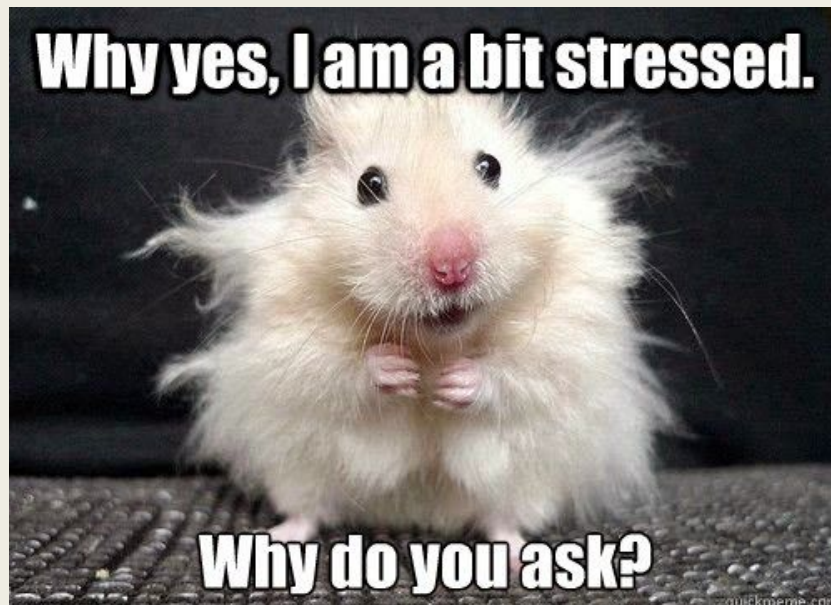
Advice from the Front

- 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.



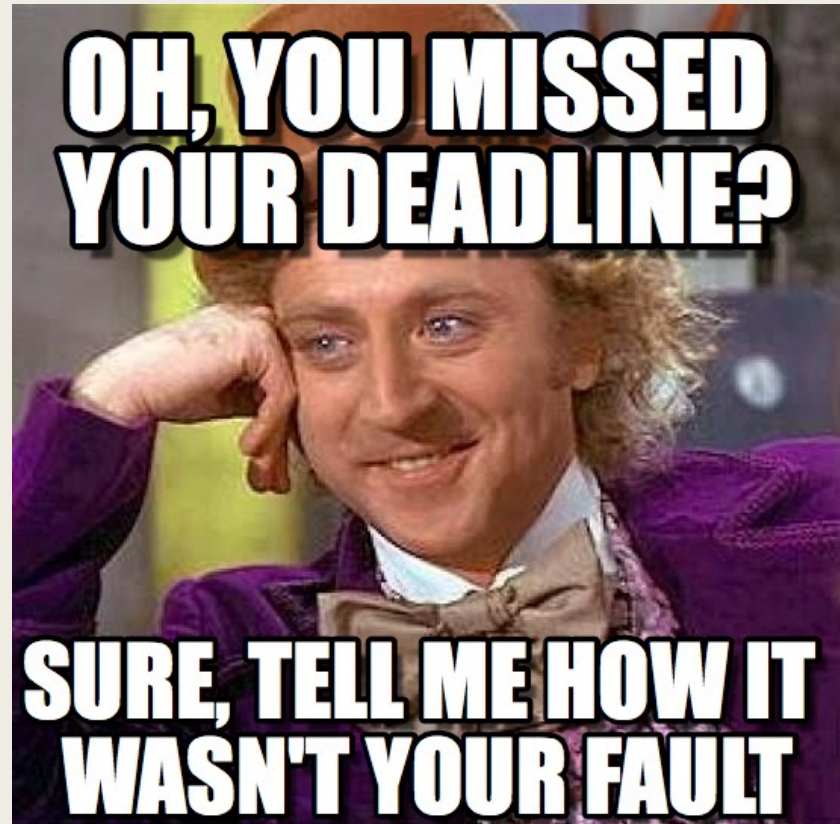
Advice from the Front (Cont.)

- 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.



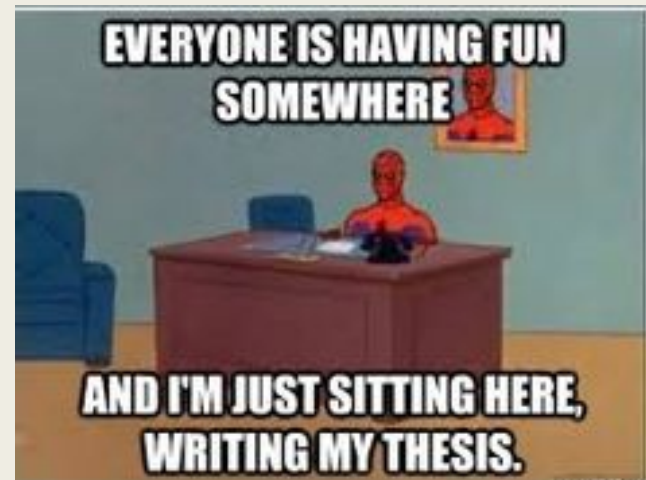
The Importance of Being On Time

- 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!



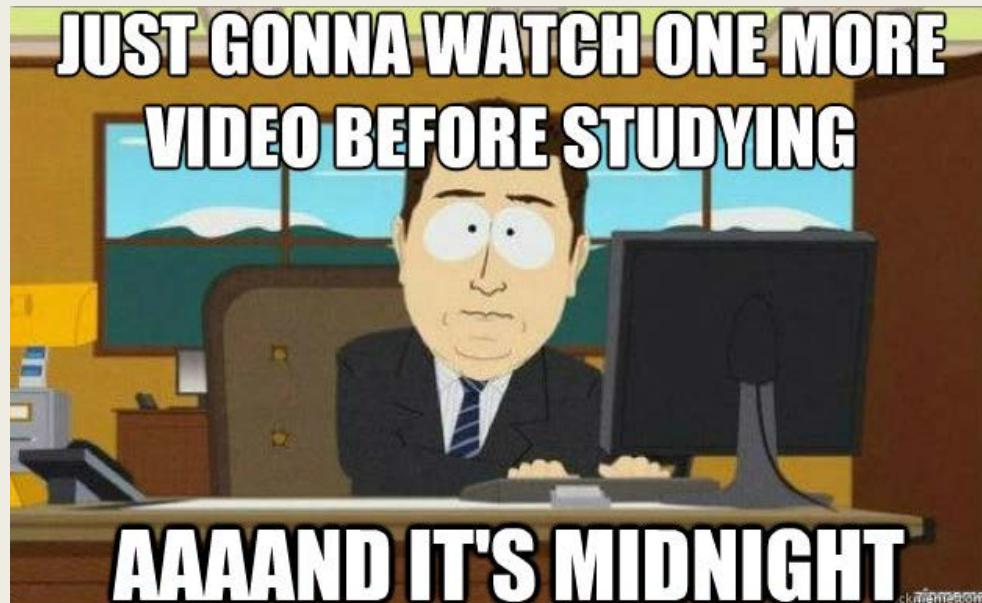
Time is Relative. Yours isn't.

- 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!



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?

