

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A PHD PROPOSAL

1. The proposal should include the following clearly labeled and distinct sections:
 - a. A **cover page** with (in Hebrew and English) the thesis title, your name and ID#, the name of your adviser, and date. (See sample below.)
 - b. **Table of contents** for the proposal (not required, but recommended)
 - c. **Aims and General Description:** a brief description of the proposed thesis and an explanation of its significance. (Here's where you state clearly and concisely what you intend to do in your dissertation and its contribution to the scholarly discourse on the subject. Say why and how. This section really shouldn't be more than a page or so.)
 - d. **Scholarly Background:** a detailed review of previous scholarly work in the area and an assessment of your proposed contribution. (Often this section is expanded into the dissertation's introduction. You may break this section down into subsections.)
 - e. **Methodology.** How are you going to approach the materials? Intellectual history? New Historicism? Close readings? Students often find this section annoying, as it sometimes is implicit in the previous section. Needn't be long. A paragraph or two--unless you want it to be longer.
 - f. **Breakdown of Proposed Chapters.** Describe briefly what you plan to do in each chapter.
 - g. **Bibliography**

2. The proposal should be typed in standard fonts, standard size; it should no longer than 15 pages, double spaced, not including bibliography.

3. Once the proposal is approved by the adviser, the student should provide an electronic copy to Channa Redner in the English Department (rednerc@mail.biu.ac.il) who will, with the advice of the chair, send the proposal out for review.

THESIS TITLE

A Proposal for a Doctoral Thesis in Literature
Department of English Literature and Linguistics
Bar-Ilan University

Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Adviser/s:

Adviser's Name

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