

Graduate Education

Thesis Guide

General Guidelines:

- This guide is to be used with the formatting information provided by UMI Administrator.
- In case of variation, the guidelines stated here supersede those from UMI Administrator.
- If you have a single file (thesis or supplementary file) that is over 1000 MB, please contact Dr. Libby Tronnes at ltronnes@bradley.edu or 309-677-2823.
- See the [Proquest UMI Resources and Guidelines](#) before making a decision on copyright and publication.

Basic Guidelines: See Proquest/UMI Formatting and Font Guide for Details

- All fonts must be embedded.
- All margins must be 1 inch.

Footnotes:

- Footnotes may be single-spaced.
- Footnotes for each chapter are usually numbered consecutively.
- Follow the preference of your major department when deciding the location of citations or notes: at the bottom of the page (footnotes), grouped at the ends of the chapters (endnotes), or grouped at the end of the thesis.

Bibliography or Works Cited Page:

- The bibliography or works cited page should meet your major department's style requirements, which often conform to the leading journals or book series of the field.

Appendices:

- Unusual or supplementary materials, such as questionnaires or copies of photographs, may be put into appendices.
- The appendix must be consecutively paginated with the text.
- The margins of the appendix must conform to the standards for the rest of the thesis.

Title Page:

- The thesis title page follows the format of the sample below.
- The title page is not numbered, but it is considered as page i.

Sample Title Page

Title
by
Patricia E. Smith
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Approval/Signature Page:

- This page must include the signatures of your thesis committee.
- The approval page follows the format of the sample below.
- This page is not numbered or counted in the pagination.
- This page must immediately follow the title page.

Sample Approval Page

This Thesis for the M. A. Degree by Patricia E. Smith has been approved April 1, 2012
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_____ Thesis Committee
_____ Thesis Committee
_____ Chair, Dept. of Biology