

Anthropology Thesis Prospectus Outlines: Version 1

- Part 1. Thesis Statement: One paragraph that clearly presents the research question or hypothesis that the thesis will address.
- Part 2. Thesis Topic Overview: A few paragraphs that generally explain the thesis subject matter that provides the context and an overview of what the thesis will entail.
- Part 3. Research Methods: A few paragraphs that explicitly describe the methods to be used to gather, analyze, and interpret data.
- Part 4. Unique Contribution of the Thesis: A few paragraphs stating how the thesis will contribute to overall body of knowledge of the thesis subject area with sufficient background documentation to support it.
- Part 5. Outline: The outline will include at least each chapter title and the main headings in each chapter.
- Part 6. Timeline: A reasonable timeline by month of the expected work and written sections or chapters.
- Part 7. Bibliography: A thorough bibliography on the thesis topic that demonstrates strong background knowledge and awareness of the latest publications in the thesis topic area.

Anthropology Thesis Prospectus Outlines: Version 2

- Part 1. General and Specific Statement of Research Problem (est. length ca. 1.5 pages double spaced)
- This section should provide an overview of the thesis project and serve as an introductory section.
- Part 2. History and Definition of Problem, Background Information, Orientation (est. length ca. 3 pages double spaced)
- This section should provide background of the concepts or ideas being studied, the questions being answered, theoretical background, or anything else that is pertinent to the specific thesis prospectus.
- Part 3. Study, Area, Data Domain, and/or Population (est. length ca. 2 pages double spaced)
- This section should provide information on your particular project, the area or people that you are studying, the artifacts you are looking at, the physical location of the site, or anything else that is pertinent to the specific thesis prospectus.
- Part 4. Methods, Schedule, etc. (est. length ca. 3 pages double spaced)
- This section should contain information on how you are going to conduct your research, the methods you are going to use, statistics you plan to use, or any information about how you are going to actually conduct your thesis project or research.
- Part 5. Significance of Study (est. length ca. 1 pages double spaced)
- This section should explain why your study is significant, why it is an important line of research to conduct, and generally, why this thesis work should be done.
- Part 6. Timeline and Chapter outline
- This section should provide a brief outline of your timetable for completing your work, as well as a general outline of the chapters that you intend to have in your thesis.
- Part 7. Bibliography
- Provide a bibliography of the sources used to prepare your thesis prospectus or any other relevant sources to your thesis project.