

MASA RESEARCH PROJECT

Completion of the research project includes: submitting a proposal and receiving approval, completing the project, submitting a passing project report, and presenting the research project in an open forum.

Schedule

Semester prior to graduation

- Ask a faculty member to serve as the research project advisor.
- Discuss project ideas with research project advisor.
- Present proposal to research project advisor for approval.
- Obtain any other necessary approvals to conduct research.
 - a. Wingate University Research Review Board
- Register for MASA 630.
- Select a faculty member to serve as an additional reader for the project report.

Semester of graduation

- Submit literature review section to project advisor.
- Advisor returns literature review section with suggestions to student.
- Submit methods/procedures section to project advisor.
- Advisor returns methods/procedures section with suggestions to student.
- Complete research project—implement, collect data, etc...
- Submit results/discussion section to project advisor.
- ~~Advisor returns results/discussion section with suggestions to student.~~
- Submit a final draft containing all sections to project advisor, reader, and Dean (One week before the start of final examinations.
- Complete revisions, if needed, to project advisor's satisfaction.
- Submit one final copy of research project to the Dean, one copy to project advisor, and one copy to the reader. Final copies should be in one-inch, three ring binders. Should the student desire a personal copy, a fourth will be needed.
- Present research project. (typically, seminar class)

Proposal Format

The proposal should outline the project and include:

1. Background information that highlights the need for the research.
2. A statement of purpose clearly describing the research question.
3. Three or more sources should be used to lend credibility to the topic.
4. Procedures for action, data collection, and/or analysis should be outlined, as well as participants and participant selection.
5. Other relevant materials as needed.

Project Report Format

- The research project report must be completed using the American Psychological Association Style Manual. (Suggest <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>)
- The research project must include a minimum total of twenty sources. At least fifteen of the sources must be from a variety of peer-reviewed journals, books, and reputable/reliable sources.
- The following should be included (if relevant):
 1. Title page
 2. Table of contents
 3. List of tables, charts, graphs or illustrations
 4. Section One: Introduction
 - a. Statement of the problem
 - b. Significance of the project
 5. Section Two: Review of Literature
 6. Section Three: Methods/Procedures
 7. Section Four: Conclusion
 - a. Results and analysis
 - b. Discussion and reflection
 8. Appendices
 9. References