Course Description: This course is designed to support your continued progress in your thesis and to develop critical review skills.

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Learning Activities and Requirements

Writing Circles: You are required to participate in a small cooperative group to discuss your research ideas, provide feedback to other group members, and report on your progress. You will meet with your group each week during class. Be prepared with a minimum of one written paragraph to discuss with your group.

Scholarly Log: Please keep a weekly log which documents the hours you spend working on your research questions, conducting literature search/review, reading articles and writing this term. Each week you will turn in your log to your instructor. As the thesis is a student-driven process, the extent of hours you complete is up to you. I simply require that you turn in a log (even if it is blank) each week.

Individual Consultation with Instructor: Each week, 2-3 students will meet individually with the instructor to discuss issues specific to your thesis project.

Class Attendance and Participation: Class participation consists of attendance and participation in writing circles, and other class discussions and activities. It is expected that you will attend all class sessions; avoid arriving late or leaving class early. Since valid reasons exist for missing class on occasion, please notify the instructor in advance of any absence. **If you must miss class or a substantial portion of class, you will turn in a 2-page minimum thesis project update at or before the next class period.**

Honor Code: **STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY AND SUPPORT THE BYU HONOR CODE.**

Preventing Sexual Harassment:
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds. The act is intended to eliminate sex discrimination in education. Title IX covers discrimination in programs, admissions, activities, and student-to-student sexual harassment. BYU’s policy against sexual harassment extends not only to employees of the university but to students as well. If you encounter unlawful sexual harassment or gender based discrimination, please talk to your professor; contact the Equal Employment Office at 378-5895 or 367-5689 (24-hours); or contact the Honor Code Office at 378-2847.

Students With Disabilities:
Brigham Young University and I personally, are committed to providing a working and learning atmosphere which reasonably accommodates qualified persons with disabilities. If you have any disability which may impair your ability to complete this course successfully, please contact me at the beginning of the semester. You may also want to contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office (378-2767). Reasonable academic accommodations are reviewed for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. Services are coordinated with the student and instructor by the SSD Office. If you need assistance or if you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of disability, you may seek resolution through established grievance policy and procedures. You should contact the Equal Employment Office at 378-5895, D-282 ASB.