

## Government Thesis Proposal Cover Sheet

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Please write a thesis proposal of around 1500 words (6 pages, double-spaced) that answers the five questions below. Attach it in hard copy to this signed cover sheet. **Thesis proposals are due to the Undergraduate Program Office by 5pm on Friday, October 7, 2016.**

1. What is your research question? You should be able to state it clearly in 1-2 sentences.
2. Why is this a significant question for political science/theory?
3. What kinds of sources/data will help you answer this question? What research methods will you use to analyze these sources/data and why are these appropriate (be specific)?
4. What have you accomplished so far in researching your question? How has your thinking on the topic developed over time?
5. What do you expect to argue [i.e., what is your current hypothesis]? Have you developed any new hypotheses you have yet to test?