

Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice MA Extended Essay Option

Students have the option of completing a 3-credit extended essay (GRSJ 510) instead of writing a 9-credit thesis. The thesis is Pass/Fail, the essay is graded.

Registration: An essay proposal (1,000 words), approved by your supervisor, must be submitted with this form to the Graduate Advisor c/o the Graduate Program Assistant at the beginning of the term in which you will start work on your essay. This form must be signed by the faculty member who has agreed to be the supervisor and by another faculty member who will be the second reader.

The extended essay option consists of an approximately 30-page essay of A/A+ standard, written under the supervision of a GRSJ faculty member or faculty associate. For a list of Faculty Associates see the "People" tab of the GRSJ website.

Students may develop an essay previously completed as part of a graduate seminar or pursue a new topic. It is expected that the supervisor of the essay and student will meet on at least three occasions during the process:

- i) in setting up the topic, reading list and expectations;
- ii) once a first draft of the essay is complete;
- iii) on completion of the final draft.

A second reader also reads the final draft. An oral defense is not required. A **percentage grade will be assigned** by the supervisor and submitted to the Graduate Program Assistant for entry. Although the essay need not be accepted for publication (it need only be judged publishable), the supervisor and second reader should ideally provide advice in identifying suitable publication outlets and a strategy for bringing the essay to publication. A final version of the essay should be submitted to the Graduate Program Assistant for the student's file.

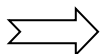
The essay will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1) research/documentation skills;
- 2) evidence of critical thought and analysis;
- 3) appropriate writing skills and format/presentation.

Important! It will take at least two weeks for your committee to respond after the extended essay is submitted to them. If revisions are required, the committee will need an additional two weeks to respond after each submission.

Important! There are specific dates by which the essay must be completed for program end/degree conferral/graduation. Check the Graduate Studies website for specific deadline: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/resources-links/deadlines?=students>

If you would like your essay to be a part of UBC's cIRcle repository, send an electronic version to the Graduate Program Assistant wynn.archibald@ubc.ca and complete the distribution license here: http://www.library.ubc.ca/circle/policies_d_2.html



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Student's Name: _____ Student No. _____

Program Entry Date: _____

Outstanding course requirements (if any): _____

Title of Extended Essay: _____

SUPERVISOR: *I agree to supervise this essay.*

Signature *Department and Rank* *Date*

SECOND READER: *I agree to supervise this essay.*

Signature *Department and Rank* *Date*

STUDENT:

Signature *Date Form Submitted to Grad Program Assistant*

Submit this form to the GRSJ Graduate Program Assistant