

RAIC | IRAC

Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
Institut royal d'architecture du Canada

Don Ardiel, Director, Syllabus
Brynne Campbell, Registrar

Thursday, April 4, 2019
8:00 pm AST | 7:00 pm EST | 6:00 pm CST | 5:00 pm MST | 4:00 pm PST





Webinar Agenda:

- RAIC 690 A + B process, including how and when to submit your thesis proposal;
- Overview of the thesis proposal requirements, including length and content;
- Review of the required thesis proposal sections;

RAIC 690 A + B



SUBMISSION

PROPOSAL
Annotated Visual Argument OR Illustrated Textual Paper

Review Committee
Registrar
Director

690A: PAPER
Review: Mid-Term
Review: Final

PASS / FAIL

690B: PROJECT
Review: Mid-Term
Review: Final

Director

REQUIREMENTS

Cover page with signatures
Digital copy to Registrar

Once approved,
student enrolls in RAIC 690A

Submit all 690A + B documentation in Moodle courses

Once approved submit:
2 bound copies
2 discs/ digital copy

6 months +/-

18 months +/-

Proposal – Overview

- Text Body: 1,000 – 3,000 words
- Frames the project and intentions
- Meet with your advisors to discuss the full scope of your topic before starting the thesis proposal
 - Identify constraints and boundaries of the project scope
- Approved by your Review Committee (Advisors) and the Syllabus Director
- Outlines what the student intends to do for their research paper (RAIC 690A) and design project (RAIC 690B)
- Outlines how the research will be conducted
- The thesis statement should be a guide for the research paper and provide a basis for the design project.

For a copy of the RAIC 690 A+B Course Outline please contact the Registrar.

Thesis Proposal Sections



Thesis Proposal Sections *(in this order)*

- Proposal Cover Page
- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Thesis Statement/ Research Problem
- Introduction
- Project Statement
- Methodology
- Resources
- Literature Review
- Bibliography
- Advisors' Documentation

Appendix A
Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Syllabus Program

RAIC 690 THESIS PROPOSAL

TITLE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

ADVISORS:

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

RAIC SYLLABUS DIRECTOR:

NAME

Cover Page should include:

- Title
- Student Information
- Advisors Signatures
- Director Signature

Appendix B

RAIC 690 THESIS PROPOSAL

TITLE: _____

This Proposal is submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Professional Diploma in
Architecture with the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Syllabus Program.

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT NUMBER: _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Title Page should include:

- Title
- Student Information
- Date Submitted



Table of Contents

- The Thesis Proposal should include a Table of Contents that outlines the sections of the proposal.
- The Table of Contents should include page numbers.

Thesis Statement/ Research Problem

- The purpose of a Thesis Statement/ Research Problem is to summarize your thoughts and provide the reader a clear and important purpose for the upcoming research.
 - Example: “Designing a seniors home in a rural setting” vs. “Creating an environment in which seniors who are used to an independent rural lifestyle can thrive in an shared-living setting.”
- After reading the Thesis Statement/ Research Problem the reader should:
 - Understand the authors viewpoint on the topic, and
 - Understand how the upcoming research is going to support this statement.

Examples can be found in the Thesis Proposal Outline.

For further guidance on how to write a thesis statement please see the list of writing references on the RAIC Syllabus webpage, [Report Writing References](#).

Thesis Introduction

- The purpose of the Thesis Introduction is to provide a brief background on the thesis research. It must:
 - introduce the reader to the topic,
 - And provide an outline of the key ideas guiding the research.
- The introduction may include the thesis statement/ research problem again.
- The Thesis Introduction may be repurposed in your thesis later.
- Approximately one page of text

For further guidance on how to write an introduction please see the list of writing references on the RAIC Syllabus webpage, [Report Writing References](#).



Project Statement

- The Project Statement provides an outline of the thesis project to be undertaken and the case studies that are informing the work.
- The Project Statement should include:
 - a short summary of the case studies.
 - the reason the case studies are applicable,
 - If possible or appropriate, include a proposed project site(s) and reason for this selection.



Methodology

- The purpose of the Methodology section is to provide the reader with a framework for how the research will be undertaken. The author should indicate the process used for data collection and the research methodology to be used.
- Reference should be made to any specific research methodology theories or resources that will be followed.
- The Methodology section can also include an outline of how the project will be developed.



Resources

- The Thesis Proposal should include a section of the available resources to be referenced during the research. If possible, the list of resources should be broken up into primary and secondary sources.
- Sources could include but is not limited to interviews, questionnaires or surveys, journals or magazines, newspapers, photographs, professional resources or reports, organization or firm research or whitepapers.

Literature Review

- The Literature Review should be a comprehensive summary of what has been published on the topic. This section should give the reader a general understanding of the research that has already been published on the author's topic and some of the key influencers.
- In the case of the Illustrated Textual Thesis the student must present an EXHAUSTIVE literature review.

Bibliography

- The Thesis Proposal needs to include a bibliography of all resources referenced.

For further guidance on how to write an introduction please see the list of writing references on the RAIC Syllabus webpage, [Report Writing References](#).



Advisors' Documentation

- The Advisors' Documentation section of the Thesis Proposal provides the reader with a summary of each of the advisors' backgrounds and why they were selected for the role of advisor on this thesis.
- The Advisors should provide letters of agreement for serving on the Thesis Review Panel.

Writing References

- Baugh, L. Sue. How to write term papers and reports. 1992
- Borden, Iain and Katerina Ruedi Ray. The Dissertation: A Guide for Architecture Students. Third Edition. 2014
- Buckley, Joanne. Fit to print: the Canadian student's guide to essay writing. 4th ed., 1998
- Coyle, William. Research Papers. 11th edition., 1999.
- Dees, Robert. Writing the modern research paper. 1993.
- Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA handbook for writers of research papers. 7th ed., 2009.
- Joseph, Nancy L. Research writing using traditional and electronic sources. 1999.
- Lester, James D. Writing research peers a complete guide. 8th ed., 1996.
- Northey, Margot E. Making sense: a student's guide to research, writing & style. 8th ed., 2015.
- Roth, Audrey J. The research paper: process, form and content. 8th ed., 1999.
- Turabian, Kate L. A manual for writers of term papers theses, and dissertations. 7th ed., 2007.

For further guidance on how to write a thesis statement please see the list of writing references on the RAIC Syllabus webpage, [Report Writing References](#).

Q+A



THANK YOU!

Don Ardiel, Director, Syllabus | dardiel@raic.org

Brynne Campbell, Registrar | bcampbell@raic.org

